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Purpose. The purpose of this research was to determine if the attitudes of high school seniors toward community colleges and four-year colleges were significantly different according to socio-economic measures, and to see how they compared with their teachers' attitudes.

Method. The population for the study included 1,573 seniors and 232 teachers in fifteen high schools in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District which included the Virginia counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell. A biographical data form and an attitudinal instrument were constructed, validated, field-tested, and completed by 1,340 seniors and 232 teachers.

The biographical data form included the following information: (1) sex, (2) name of school, (3) father's occupation, (4) mother's occupation, (5) father's education, (6) mother's education, (7) expected future occupation of the respondent, (8) expected amount of education to be achieved in the future, (9) how much education should be achieved by today's seniors for tomorrow's world, (10) post-high school plans, (11) when post-high school plans were decided, (12) who had the most influence on the senior's educational aspirations, and (13) the number of siblings in the respondent's family.

An attitudinal instrument was constructed to measure the social attitudes of high school seniors and teachers of seniors toward four-year colleges and community colleges. The tasks involved the review of relevant literature and discussion of the project with professors of education at East Tennessee State University. Items were gathered, reviewed, and rewritten three times. They were then submitted to a panel of six judges, including a professor of education, two professors of psychology, a dean of instruction at a community college, a high school principal, and two supervisors of public school education. The items were evaluated according to predetermined criteria. The items were refined and prepared in a Likert format and administered as a pilot test to nine seniors, three who planned to attend four-year colleges, three who planned to attend community colleges, and three who did not plan to attend college. After evaluation of the responses and an interview with each of the nine seniors, the items were edited for the fifth and final draft.

Items were assigned to the final draft by using a table of random numbers. The instrument was administered to every twelfth senior in each high school to collect data to calculate the reliability coefficient. Items were analyzed by establishing criterion reference groups by calculating the mean scores for the top 25 percent and the bottom 25 percent. The means of the low group were subtracted from the means of the high group and the differences were ranked according to the magnitude of differences. The twenty-five items with the greatest difference were selected for the final instrument after a Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient yielded .8633 for the half-test and the Spearman-Brown formula as a correction for the full test yielded .9266.

The biographical data form and the attitudinal instrument were administered to high school seniors (who had not participated in the field tests) and the attitudinal instrument only was administered to teachers of high school seniors during a given week. The high school supervisors of each county were given printed instructions on how to administer the instrument. Instruments were coded for identification by subject type, high school, and county.

Responses of completed instruments were formatted for the SPSS on the IBM 370 computer at East Tennessee State University. Data were grouped by subject type, sex, school, county, and by items on the biographical data form. To determine if there were significant differences according to selected independent variables, the data were subjected to multiple classification of analysis of variance and t-tests, using the confidence level of  $\leq .05$ . All significance levels were reported.

Summary. Educational levels of fathers and mothers were very low, with fewer than one of five fathers holding high school diplomas; slightly more than one of four mothers held high school diplomas. Mothers generally had completed more years of schooling than fathers.

When fathers' occupations were grouped by thirteen levels, almost one-half were miners; the second largest category was unemployed. Almost two-thirds of mothers were reported as housewives; the second largest group was reported in the category professional and related services.

More seniors planned to enter the professional and related services fields than planned to enter mining, which is the major industry that employs about 50 percent of the fathers in the area. The third largest group selected business and repair services.

Approximately 44 percent of seniors planned to complete their education with the high school diploma, while approximately 49 percent planned to continue by attending college and pursuing degrees. Almost 34 percent of seniors reported they believed that seniors should pursue a college degree. More seniors reported that students should pursue college degrees than reported they intend to pursue the degrees.

More seniors, 39.4 percent, planned to get a job after graduation than planned to attend a four-year college, 17.5 percent, and planned to

attend a two-year college, 15.7 percent. The majority of seniors decided during their senior year, 41.7 percent, what they would do after graduation. Only 13.1 percent decided in the eleventh grade, 16.3 percent decided before the eleventh grade, and 27.8 percent reported they had not yet decided what they would do.

Seniors reported that the mother, 27.7 percent, had more influence on their educational aspirations than anyone else; 23.5 percent selected the father. Only 5.3 percent selected a teacher, 2.1 percent selected the guidance counselor, and .4 percent selected the principal.

There were eighteen hypotheses stated in the null. Three could not be tested, one was tested by a correlation coefficient, twelve were tested by a multiple classification of analysis of variance, and two were tested by t-tests.

The data showed that there were no significant differences between the attitudes of seniors categorized by fathers' and mothers' occupational levels and for interaction. Sex was significant, however, at the  $p = \leq .001$  level. For fathers' and mothers' educational levels, similar results were obtained, no significance for educational levels or interaction, but significance for sex.

The data were grouped by counties to determine if there were significant differences among the counties by sex. As had previously been shown, sex was significant at the .001 level, and there was significance for county at the .012 level. Interaction was not significant at the .05 level. When t-values were calculated between males and females, there was significance below the .05 level in three counties, but not for Buchanan. There were significant differences at the .05 level between senior males and teachers in all counties except Tazewell. There were significant differences between senior females and teachers in Buchanan and Russell, but not in Dickenson and Tazewell.

There was a significant positive relationship (.001) for males and females in all the counties between what educational levels seniors reported should be obtained and the levels seniors reported they intended to obtain.

There was a significant difference at the .001 level between the attitudes of seniors who planned to attend college and seniors who did not plan to attend college.

Scores for seniors grouped by four levels of siblings were not significantly different at the .05 level. Mean scores were higher, however, for seniors with no siblings or with one or two siblings than for seniors with three or four siblings or with five or more siblings.

Conclusions. Conclusion One: Educational levels of fathers and mothers were generally lower than state levels. Within the population of the study, mothers had more education than fathers. Among the counties, Tazewell fathers and mothers ranked highest, with Russell second, Dickenson third, and Buchanan fourth.

Conclusion Two: Mining was a major occupation with over one-half of Buchanan and Dickenson fathers and over one-third of Russell and Tazewell fathers reported as miners. The support industries of construction, transportation, communication, and other public utilities provided back-up jobs for the mining industry.

Conclusion Three: Unemployment among fathers was higher than state or national levels.

Conclusion Four: Except for certain occupational groups such as personal services, professional services, and manufacturing, there were limited job opportunities for mothers. Almost two-thirds, 61.5 percent, were reported as housewives.

Conclusion Five: Seniors had relatively high aspirations for jobs, with one out of five expecting to enter the professional field. Since the area was primarily a one-industry area with coal and related service industries, speculation leads to the question, "Do professions such as teaching, banking, law, and medicine provide dreams for upward mobility from the mining industry?"

Conclusion Six: Almost one-half of all seniors expect to stop their education with the high school diploma. This might be related to the extremely low educational levels of fathers and mothers. About one out of five seniors expected to pursue college degrees. Seniors in this study could be described as having low educational aspirations.

Conclusion Seven: Seniors believed that more education should be achieved than they reported they intended to achieve. Students could be compromising the dilemma represented by undereducated parents and the slogan representing education, that "if you want a good job, get a good education."

Conclusion Eight: More seniors planned to get jobs upon graduation than planned to attend college; but among the college bound, more seniors favored four-year colleges than community colleges.

Conclusion Nine: Post-high school plans generally were not decided until sometime during the senior year or later. Almost seven out of ten decided sometime after becoming seniors, while only three out of ten decided before the twelfth grade.

Conclusion Ten: Seniors' educational aspirations were influenced more by mothers than by fathers, and more by parents than by school personnel. In this study, the influence of guidance counselors and principals would be considered negligible, while teachers exert minimal influence.

Conclusion Eleven: Fathers' and mothers' educational levels did not bear significantly upon the attitudes of seniors in this study. This could be related to the homogeneity of the culture and the overwhelmingly low level of education of adults in the area.

Conclusion Twelve: Levels of occupation did not bear significantly upon the attitudes of seniors. This could be related to the nature of jobs in the area. In a sense, the area represents a one-industry economy with coal providing almost all the jobs, either directly or indirectly. There could be a common thread running through most of the jobs in the area.

Conclusion Thirteen: There was a significant difference between the attitudes of seniors who planned to attend college and seniors who did not plan to attend college. College-bound seniors had higher mean scores on the attitude scale than non-college-bound seniors.

Conclusion Fourteen: The size of family as measured by the number of siblings did not bear significantly upon seniors' attitudes.

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## Chapter 1

### INTRODUCTION

Students complete more years of school at the present time than ever before in history. "A majority of high school students, perhaps two out of three, enter some form of postsecondary education. . . . Thus the high schools become one stage in the educational process and not the final stage for most persons."<sup>1</sup> Charles E. Johnson reported that college enrollment increased during the 1963-1967 period ". . . because increasing proportions of the population were completing their high school education and becoming academically eligible for admission to college."<sup>2</sup> His interpretation of trends in college enrollment led to the conclusion that two basic factors accounted for change in college enrollments: (1) changes in the college age population; and (2) changes in the enrollment rate of the college age.<sup>3</sup>

If present trends continue, the average number of years of education completed will increase as more youngsters attend college. Even though the birth rate has declined, it is expected to have little impact on the number of college-going youth. The Carnegie Commission predicts that the number of students added to higher education enrollment

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<sup>1</sup>Clark Kerr, A Digest of Reports on the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education (New York: McGraw Hill Book Company, 1973), p. 207.

<sup>2</sup>Charles E. Johnson, Jr., "Changing Trends in College Enrollment," College and University, XLIX (Fall, 1973), 38.

<sup>3</sup>Johnson, p. 37.

during the 1970's could be larger than the number added in the 1960's and that the most rapid growth will be experienced by two-year institutions.<sup>4</sup> A glimpse of the future may be evident in the 1960 to 1970 period when there was a 261 percent increase in the number of students enrolled in two-year colleges.<sup>5</sup>

The growth of two-year institutions has been phenomenal, probably in response to an increased demand for higher education, and their very existence in turn encouraged increased enrollments. From 1960 to 1970 the number of two-year colleges increased from 500 to 900.<sup>6</sup> This growth is expected to continue and make available a variety of services to youth and others. The import of college attendance by youth was stated succinctly by James W. Trent and Leland L. Medsker in Beyond High School.

The educational opportunities our youths accept or reject, the use they make of their potential, is of vital national concern. Yet all indications have been that the ever-accelerating demand for more highly trained people has not been met with a sufficient increase in post high school education for those who could make use of it.<sup>7</sup>

So the question might be, what attitudes do high school seniors have toward college? More specifically, what attitudes do they have toward two-year colleges and four-year colleges? Researchers have long been interested in who goes to college and what factors influence the decision to attend. Ralph R. Fields reported on seven influential factors:

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<sup>4</sup>Kerr, p. 79.

<sup>5</sup>Johnson, p. 40.

<sup>6</sup>Johnson, citing U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, "Annual Report," Digest of Educational Statistics.

<sup>7</sup>James W. Trent and Leland L. Medsker, Beyond High School (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, Inc., 1968), p. 3.

1. academic ability
2. ability to pay
3. motivation
4. parents' occupation
5. geography
6. sex
7. membership in minority groups<sup>8</sup>

Johnson listed six important factors:

1. availability of college
2. financial ability of students or parents
3. availability of loans, scholarships, and other funds
4. draft pressures
5. desire for a college education
6. felt need for a college education for occupational and

financial success<sup>9</sup>

Other authors researched high school size and its relationship to college academic success,<sup>10</sup> secondary guidance programs and college selection,<sup>11</sup> attitudes of economically deprived students and college

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<sup>8</sup>Ralph R. Fields, The Community College Movement (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1962), p. 264.

<sup>9</sup>Johnson, p. 38.

<sup>10</sup>Valjean M. Cashev, "High School Size as a Factor in College Attendance," Journal of Secondary Education, XLV (October, 1970), 256-259.

<sup>11</sup>Robert W. Graff and David E. Peters, "Junior College Freshmen View Secondary Guidance Received in College Selection," Journal of Secondary Education, XLIV (October, 1969), 271-276.

experiences,<sup>12</sup> and the list goes on. Not much can be found, however, on attitudes toward colleges of high school seniors in the Appalachian region, or the attitudes of high school teachers who primarily were once high school students in the Appalachian region.

In view of the proliferation of community colleges and the expanded programs of colleges and universities in many parts of Appalachia, and especially in respect to the increased attention and activity focused in the area as a result of the coal economy and the energy crises, it becomes increasingly important to assess the attitudes of selected key people toward colleges. The need for the study is epitomized in a statement by Thomas A. Karman,

. . . if higher education is to respond creatively to both students and society, understanding clearly what each expects from college is essential--especially since "college" is regarded increasingly as only one of several routes to success, and is becoming somewhat less attractive to college age students, as can be seen from recent enrollment patterns.<sup>13</sup>

## THE PROBLEM

### Statement of the Problem

Are attitudes of high school seniors toward community colleges different from their attitudes toward four-year colleges, and how do they compare with their teachers' attitudes?

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<sup>12</sup>John D. Jones and William S. Fennell, Jr., "Relationships Between College Experiences and Attitudes of Students from Economically Deprived Backgrounds," Journal of College Student Personnel, XIII (July, 1972), 314-318.

<sup>13</sup>Thomas A. Karman, "Student Expectations of College: Some Implications for Student Personnel Administrators," NASPA Journal, XI (Spring, 1974), 52.

### Sub-Problems

1. Are attitudes of senior males and senior females toward community colleges different from attitudes toward four-year colleges?
2. Are attitudes of senior males and senior females different according to occupations of fathers and mothers?
3. Are attitudes of senior males and senior females different according to educational levels of fathers and mothers?
4. Are attitudes of senior males and senior females different among the four counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell?
5. Are attitudes of senior males different from attitudes of senior females on the economic sub-scale?
6. Are attitudes of senior males different from attitudes of senior females on the social sub-scale?
7. Are attitudes of senior males and senior females different from their teachers' attitudes?
8. Will the "expected educational level to be attained" equal the "stated amount of education that should be attained"?
9. Are attitudes of seniors who plan to attend college different from attitudes of seniors who do not plan to attend college?

### HYPOTHESES

The hypotheses of this study are:

H1. There is no significant difference between senior male attitudes toward community colleges and senior male attitudes toward four-year colleges.

H2. There is no significant difference between senior female

attitudes toward community colleges and senior female attitudes toward four-year colleges.

H3. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' occupation.

H4. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' occupation.

H5. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' occupation.

H6. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' occupation.

H7. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' education.

H8. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' education.

H9. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' education.

H10. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' education.

H11. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females among the counties of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District.

H12. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the social sub-scale.

H13. There is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the economic sub-scale.

H14. There is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior males and the attitudes of their teachers.



H15. There is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior females and the attitudes of their teachers.

H16. There is no significant relationship between the "reported expected educational level to be attained" and the "stated amount of education that should be attained."

H17. There is no significant difference between the attitudes of seniors who plan to attend college and the attitudes of seniors who do not plan to attend college.

H18. There is no significant difference between the attitudes of seniors according to family size as measured by the number of siblings.

#### THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Research generally suggests that less able students select community colleges over four-year colleges. Evidence also indicates that community college students tend to be less motivated, generally come from a lower socio-economic class, and tend to have lower occupational aspirations than four-year college students. Robert Graff and David Peters found that a majority of 502 community college freshmen ranked below the median of their high school graduating class.<sup>14</sup> Rickey George and Karol George reported that the junior college student in general ". . . is less academically able than is the student of the four-year college."<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>Robert W. Graff and David E. Peters, "Junior College Freshmen View Secondary Guidance Received in College Selection," Journal of Secondary Education, XLIV (October, 1969), 271.

<sup>15</sup>Rickey L. George and Karol A. George, "Meeting the Non-Academic Needs Unique to the Junior-College Student," National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Journal, IX (October, 1971), 155.

It is generally believed that lower achievers come primarily from families with lower socio-economic backgrounds and that they hold less positive and favorable attitudes toward college education. It is believed by some that they are attuned to immediate goal satisfaction, while middle and upper socio-economic groups adapt easily to longer-range goals. Placing these considerations into the context of social and economic attitudes toward community colleges (two-year colleges) and four-year colleges, it is possible to relate the variables of goals, post-high school plans, to values (attitudes) according to measures of socio-economic status (occupation and education).

The most often used measure of SES (socio-economic status) was the father's occupation and education; however, it was recognized that society changed drastically after World War II, bringing mothers into the labor force in great numbers. In the seventies there was considerable discussion of women's liberation, equal pay for equal work, and sex discrimination. It was recognized, too, that more women held higher positions and received more pay than anytime in history. The same was generally true about educational achievements. Additionally, recognition was given to the phenomenon of divorced mothers being the heads of households, which gave further support to the tenet that SES can no longer be based solely on characteristics of the father. For these reasons, it was decided that females' aspirations and accomplishments should be considered in concert with the considerations for males in relating variables to measures of socio-economic status.

The importance of mothers' educational levels was attested by James Trent and Leland Medsker's finding that as a variable affecting college attendance, it held equal importance with fathers' occupation.

Further, they found that males and females attended college in equal numbers regardless of fathers' occupation when mothers were college graduates.<sup>16</sup>

In addition to theorized influences relating to family environment, it was recognized that students spend several years under the probable influence of teachers. Subjected daily to social interaction with teachers who presumably have definitive attitudes toward education and educational objects, senior students contemplating decisions about college were in a position to be influenced by those teachers. The area of probable influence included the total environment in which teachers and students interact, both formally and informally.

Teacher attitudes, presumably, were expressed verbally and by positive or negative behavior. Whether students assimilated these attitudes or came to the twelfth grade holding attitudes similar to those of teachers were matters subject to investigation.

To determine whether there were distinct differences between adult values and adolescent values, Raymond Eve surveyed 300 eleventh and twelfth grade students and a random sample of their teachers in North Carolina. He concluded that the study ". . . provided evidence that although students do maintain a statistically distinct value system, this system is primarily conventional in its orientation and differs only to a relatively small degree from the value system of the adult world."<sup>17</sup> Eve also found that analysis of sex differences

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<sup>16</sup>James W. Trent and Leland L. Medsker, Beyond High School (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, Inc., 1968), p. 25.

<sup>17</sup>Raymond A. Eve, "Adolescent Culture, Convenient Myth or Reality? A Comparison of Students and Their Teachers," Sociology of Education, XLVIII (Spring, 1975), 165.

showed the greatest discord between male teachers and male students, followed by female teachers and male students, then male teachers and female students, and the least discord between female teachers and female students.

Similar results for sex were found by Thomas Good and Jere Brophy, who studied attitudes of teachers toward different first-grade students. Teachers placed twice as many boys as girls in a rejection group. Low achieving girls elicited teacher concern, while low achieving boys elicited rejection. Students who were bright and controlled their classroom behavior to conform to institutional norms appealed to teachers.<sup>18</sup>

#### ASSUMPTIONS

The assumptions pertinent to this study were:

1. Attitudes measured were among the most important that seniors might have toward colleges.
2. Attitudes were well established since seniors obviously were making post-high school plans.
3. Seniors and teachers responded truthfully to the attitudinal instrument.
4. Race was not a significant factor in this study since only 2 percent of the total population was non-white.

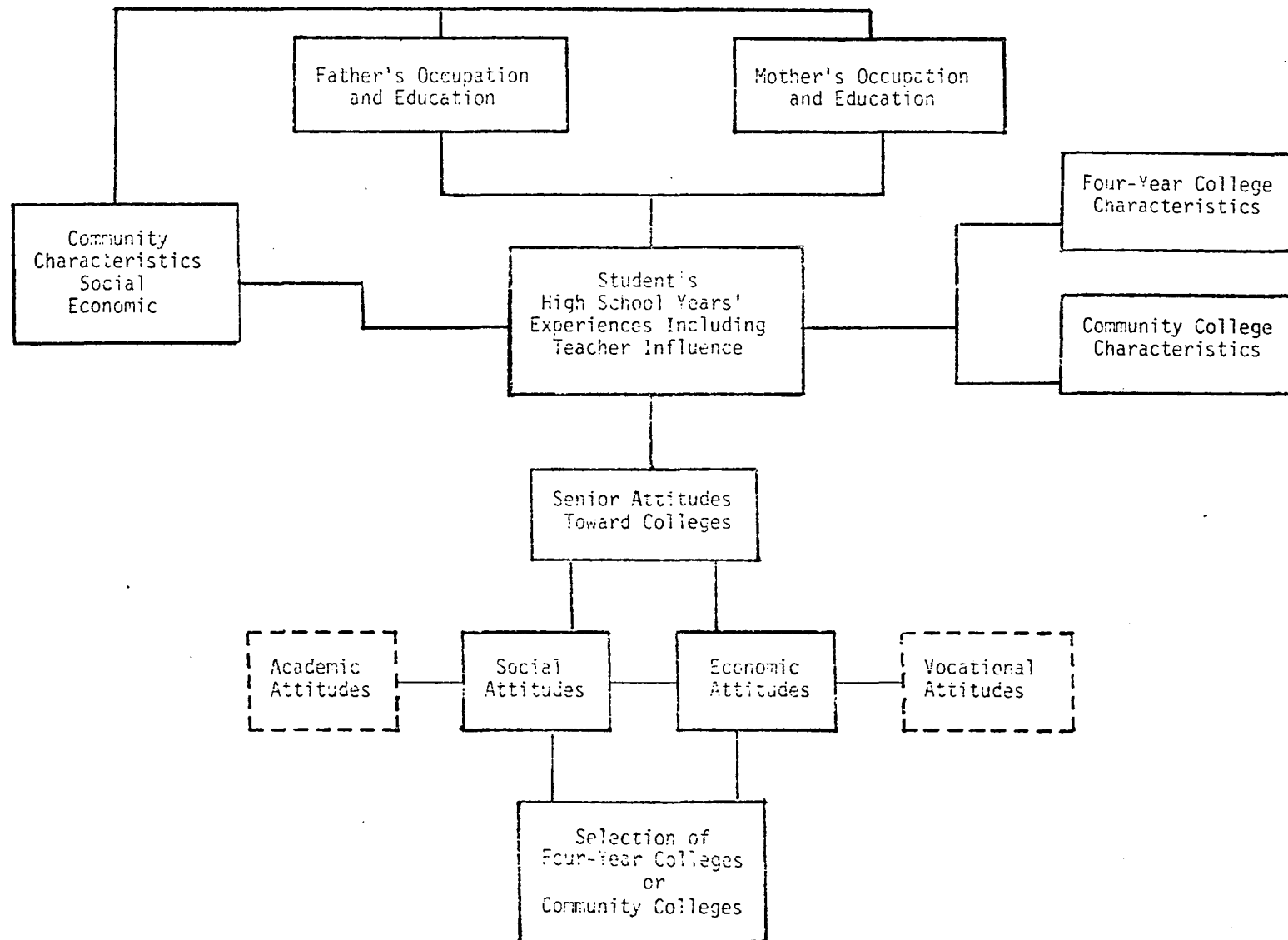
#### LIMITATIONS

This study was limited to the measurement of social and economic attitudes of high school seniors enrolled in the high schools of

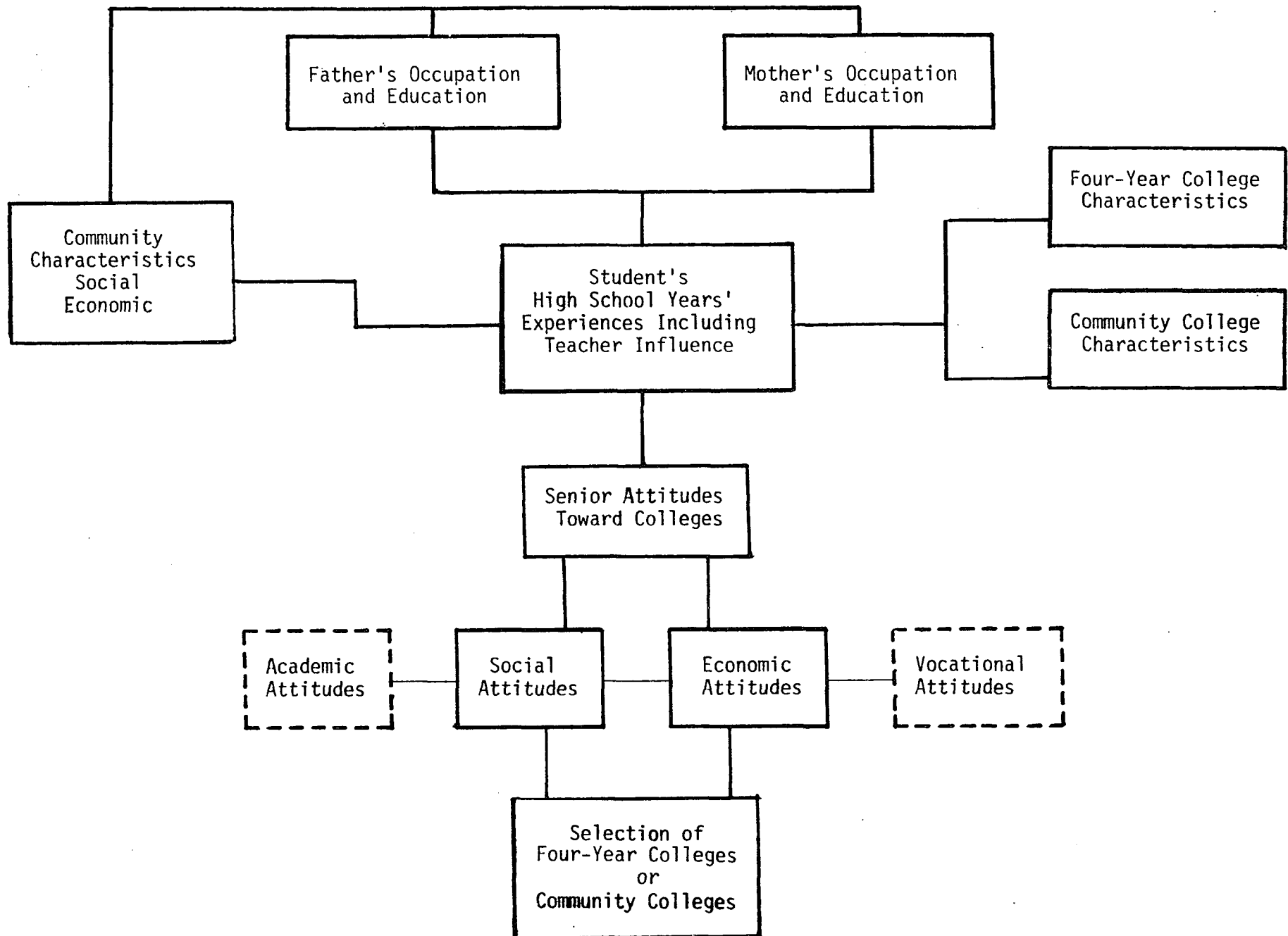
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<sup>18</sup>Thomas L. Good and Jere E. Brophy, "Behavioral Expression of Teacher Attitudes," Journal of Educational Psychology, LXIII (December, 1972), 617-624.

# FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROBLEM



# FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROBLEM



Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties, comprising the Cumberland Plateau Planning District during the school year 1976-1977. The reported data for seniors were gathered by an attitudinal instrument and a biographical data form constructed and validated by the investigator.

### VARIABLES

Several variables were identified as bearing significantly on the study. The dependent variable was attitudes toward community colleges and four-year colleges. The independent variables were sex, fathers' occupation and education, mothers' occupation and education, number of siblings, and post-high school plans.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH

There were conflicting reports about increasing and decreasing enrollments in colleges across the nation. However, in the population area of this study, data revealed that general educational levels were far below the median of the State of Virginia and the nation. It was believed, too, that in this area more students were currently attending colleges than ever before in history.

In the past, prospective students were constrained by relative geographical isolation, almost universal poverty, and lack of opportunity to attend colleges. In the seventies a different environment existed, brought about by improved roads, consolidated public schools, and the location of a community college in the area. These factors placed in the framework provided by an increased activity associated with the new coal economy produced an environment susceptible to more

rapid change than was experienced in several decades.

Very little was known about the attitudes of Appalachian students toward colleges and, more specifically, their attitudes toward the relatively new community colleges. Significant implications for the study were obvious for college personnel and public school staffs in the immediate geographical region.

For college personnel, the study indicated that measured attitudes did not conform to generally preconceived attitudes ascribed to the Appalachian student. The description of extant attitudes provided a base for many decisions that were a matter of routine and could indicate a need for revised or radically new structures for delivery of services. A review of communications was indicated to determine the relevancy and timeliness of dissemination of information.

It was not known when the senior decides on post-high school plans. The study could help to determine whether "orientation day" during the senior year is appropriate or whether a program should be implemented during the pre-senior years. Whether adequate information reached the publics that needed the information was not at all clear at the time. Consideration might be given to the use of different media to reach different segments of the population, based upon analyses of attitudes held by various groups in the area.

Campus activities and other social programs conceivably might be redesigned or developed to meet the demand interests indicated by this research. Personnel of four-year colleges and the Southwest Virginia Community College should be able to determine relative positive and negative images of their institutions on the variables of social aspects and economic aspects, thus having reliable and



valid data on which to base decisions about their projected images.

On local levels, public high school teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors should review the results of this study to develop more effective college counseling programs. Occupational aspirations, academic achievements, and college choices could be more nearly synchronized in light of prevailing attitudes. Successes, failures, and difficulties with programs designed to equip students with salable job skills and the foundation for continuing education might be related to this study.

In summary, this study should provide data about attitudes that were unknown in the past. The data and consequent analysis will not have any significant intrinsic value; rather, the value will be in direct proportion to the use that is made of them. In this regard, the true significance of the study will be known only as a result of actions taken by colleges in the area and by local public high school officials.

#### DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

##### Administrators

The principal and assistant principal at the school level

##### Attitude

A relatively enduring system of evaluative, affective reactions based upon and reflecting the evaluative concepts or beliefs which have been learned about the characteristics of a social object or class of social objects<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>19</sup>Marvin E. Shaw and Jack M. Wright, Scales for the Measurement of Attitudes (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1967), p. 3.

### Attitudinal Instrument

The instrument constructed and validated by the researcher to measure attitudes which were the focus of this study

### College--Community College

A college typically set up to meet the educational needs of a particular community and offering two-year training, either terminal or preparatory, in pre-professional and liberal arts fields; most community colleges are publicly controlled and are coeducational.<sup>20</sup>

### College--Four-Year College

"A college offering a four-year curriculum above the high school level . . ."<sup>21</sup>

### Counselors

Guidance counselors who help seniors prepare for college admission by giving advice, administering tests, or helping with the preparation of applications

### Cumberland Plateau Planning District

Planning District Number Two located in the southwest part of Virginia which includes the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell

### Father

The biological father, step-father, or male guardian of a high school senior

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<sup>20</sup>Carter V. Good, ed., Dictionary of Education (3d ed.; New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1973), p. 114.

<sup>21</sup>Good, p. 114.

Mother

The biological mother, step-mother, or female guardian of a high school senior

Post-High School Plans

What high school seniors plan to do after graduating from high school

Senior (High School)

A student in a twelfth-grade homeroom who plans to graduate at the end of the 1976-1977 regular term

SES (Status, Socioeconomic)

"The level indicative of both the social and the economic position of an individual or group."<sup>22</sup>

SVCC

The publicly supported community college (Southwest Virginia Community College) located in Planning District Number Two, serving the area known as the Cumberland Plateau Planning District

Teachers

Those teachers who had a high school senior enrolled in any of their classes at the time attitudes were measured

## PROCEDURES

The general procedures used in this study were as follows:

I. The related literature was reviewed.

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<sup>22</sup>Good, p. 558.

- A. The libraries at East Tennessee State University and Southwest Virginia Community College were searched for pertinent journal articles, books, and other material.
  - B. Dissertation Abstracts and Psychological Abstracts were searched at East Tennessee State University.
  - C. Superintendents' annual reports and community college annual reports were reviewed.
- II. Permission to conduct the study was obtained in writing from the superintendents of schools and the Community College President in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District.
- III. An attitudinal instrument was constructed.
- A. Items for the instrument were collected from ideas encountered in the literature and from discussions with personnel in higher education and in public schools.
  - B. Items were refined with the suggestions of professors of education and psychology, and public school personnel.
  - C. An instrument was prepared and subjected to a pilot test.
  - D. The revised instrument was administered as a field test to a selected sample from the population.
  - E. Attitude statements were analyzed and a reliability coefficient was computed to validate the instrument.
- IV. Instructions were given to secondary supervisors on the administration procedures involving the attitudinal instrument.

- V. The instrument was administered to high school seniors during a selected week.
- VI. Data were recorded on computer cards and organized according to a predetermined plan.
- VII. Data were subjected to analyses using appropriate statistics and interpreted accordingly.
- VIII. A detailed explanation of the methodology employed in this study is presented in Chapter 3.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY

Chapter 1 includes an introduction, the problem, hypotheses, a rationale, the significance of the research, limitations, the procedures of the research, definitions of terms, and the organization of the dissertation.

Chapter 2 includes an exposition of relevant literature.

Chapter 3 includes the research design, the executed procedures to collect data, and the statistical treatment used to analyze data.

Chapter 4 includes the findings of the research.

Chapter 5 includes a summary of the research, conclusions, implications, and recommendations.

## Chapter 2

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

#### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA OF POPULATION AREA

The Cumberland Plateau Planning District was composed of four counties in Southwest Virginia: Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell. Three counties had borders contiguous with other states. The total population of the area reported as of July, 1973, was 117,400, with a school age population of 30,685.<sup>1</sup> See Table 1 on page 20.

The median school years completed by males twenty-five years old and over was 7.7; by females, 8.3; and for male and female totals, 8.0. The individual county medians were Buchanan, 7.6; Dickenson, 7.6; Russell, 8.2; and Tazewell, 8.6.<sup>2</sup> All counties had lower levels than the state median of 11.7 and in all counties the median was higher for females than for males.

Of 19,293 males between twenty and forty-nine years of age, and 23,230 females between fifteen and forty-four years of age, 4,137 males

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<sup>1</sup>University of Virginia, Tayloe Murphy Institute, "Estimates of the Population of Virginia Counties and Cities: July 1, 1972, and July 1, 1973," October, 1974, Tables 2 and 3, pp. 4, 6, and 7.

<sup>2</sup>Education Section, Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, "A Profile of Education in Virginia by Planning Districts" (mimeographed) Richmond, Virginia, June, 1976, p. 2, citing U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1970 Census of Population General Social and Economic Characteristics, "Table 120. Educational and Family Characteristics, for Counties and Independent Cities: 1970."

Table 1  
Population of Cumberland Plateau Planning District

County	Population April 1, 1970	Population July 1, 1972	Population July 1, 1973
Buchanan	32,071	33,200	33,000
Dickenson	16,077	17,200	17,300
Russell	24,533	24,800	24,800
Tazewell	39,816	42,200	42,300
Total	112,497	117,400	117,400

Source:

University of Virginia, Tayloe Murphy Institute, "Estimates of the Population of Virginia Counties and Cities: July 1, 1972 and July 1, 1973," October, 1974, Tables 2 and 3, pp. 4, 6, and 7.

and 5,788 females, or 23 percent, completed four years of high school; 2,037 males and 1,790 females or 9 percent, completed one or more years of college.<sup>3</sup> See Table 2.

In the four-county area, there were 1,660 high school graduates (1974) of which 298, or 18 percent, were attending four-year colleges; 335, or 20 percent, were attending two-year colleges; and 75, or 4.7 percent, were attending other institutions. That made a total of 708, or 42.7 percent, who were continuing education after high school. However, 952, or 57.3 percent, did not continue education after high school. See Table 3. See Table 4, page 24, for 1975 data.

The median adjusted gross income in 1974 was lower than the state median in three counties, but higher in Buchanan. See Table 5. It should be remembered that 1974 was an exceptional year for the coal industry, following the Arab oil boycott and the subsequent dramatic rise in prices of fuel. This probably accounted for substantial increases in incomes attributed to Buchanan County, which was primarily a one-industry (coal) area.

Income data on a per capita basis presented a much more accurate picture for the area as shown in Table 6. Historically, the area ranked far below the state figure, averaging in the range of from slightly below two-thirds to about three-fourths of the state per capita income. Although all counties were below the state, Russell and Dickenson lagged behind Buchanan and Tazewell. See Table 6.

Area seniors reported that they had some difficulty with achievement, behavior, and finances. Buchanan seniors reported the greatest

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<sup>3</sup>Education Section, Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, p. 10.



Table 2

Educational Characteristics of Adults Twenty-Five Years Old and Older  
in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District

County	Median School Years Completed Male 25 Years Old and Over	Median School Years Completed Female 25 Years Old and Over	Median School Years Male and Female	Four Years H. S. Male (20-49) Years Old	Four Years H. S. Female (15-44) Years Old	% of Male and Female Population with Four Years H. S.	College One Year or More Male (20-49)	College One Year or More Female (15-44)	% of Male Population (20-49) and Female Population (15-44) with One Year or More College
Buchanan	7.3	7.8	7.6	1,024	1,467	20	353	451	6
Dickenson	7.5	7.7	7.6	604	767	24	282	172	8
Russell	7.8	8.5	8.2	858	1,167	22	396	361	8
Tazewell	8.1	9.1	8.6	1,651	2,387	27	1,006	806	12
Total	7.7	8.3	8.0	4,137	5,788	23	2,037	1,790	9

Source:

Education Section, Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, "A Profile of Education in Virginia by Planning Districts," June, 1976, pp. 2 and 10.

Table 3

## Status of 1974 High School Graduates in Cumberland Plateau Planning District

County	Number of Graduates			Graduates Attending Four-Year Colleges			Graduates Attending Two-Year Colleges			Total Graduates Attending College			Total Graduates Attending Other Institutions			Total Graduates Not Continuing Education After High School		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Buchanan	190	227	417	16	34	50	50	55	105	66	89	155	12	10	22	112	128	240
Dickenson	150	118	268	26	26	52	12	9	21	38	35	73	9	5	14	103	78	181
Russell	175	187	362	34	33	67	26	39	65	60	72	132	2	3	5	113	112	225
Tazewell	330	283	613	63	66	129	81	63	144	144	129	273	21	13	34	165	141	306
Total	845	815	1,660	139	159	298	169	166	335	308	325	633	44	31	75	493	459	952

Source:

Education Section, Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, "A Profile of Education in Virginia by Planning Districts," June, 1976, pp. 156, 164, and 172.

Table 4  
Enrollment, Grades 10-12 and High School Graduates,  
in Cumberland Plateau Planning District  
1974-1975

County and School	Enrollment	Graduates
Buchanan:		
Council	174	52
Garden	213	62
Grundy	835	189
Hurley	190	47
Whitewood	115	25
Total	1,527	375
Dickenson:		
Clintwood	358	102
Haysi	282	67
Irvinton	205	45
Total	845	214
Russell:		
Castlewood	379	104
Honaker	338	83
Lebanon	476	137
Total	1,193	324
Tazewell:		
Graham	517	168
Pocahontas	174	56
Richlands	813	238
Tazewell	587	169
Total	2,091	631
Grand Total	5,656	1,544

Source:

State Board of Education, "Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction--1974-1975," December, 1975, pp. 46, 48, 58, and 60.

Table 5  
Median Adjusted Gross Income in the Cumberland Plateau  
Planning District  
1974

County	Median Income
State	\$9,105
Buchanan	\$9,775
Dickenson	\$8,522
Russell	\$7,980
Tazewell	\$8,652

Source:

University of Virginia, The Colgate Darden  
Graduate School of Business Administration, Tayloe  
Murphy Institute, "Distribution of Virginia Adjusted  
Gross Income by Income Class, 1974," May, 1976,  
Table I, pp. 5-6.

Table 6

Per Capita Personal Income for Cumberland Plateau  
Planning District Counties

	1970		1971		1972		1973		1974	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
State	3,712	100	4,001	100	4,400	100	4,874	100	5,333	100
Buchanan	2,420	65	2,553	64	2,911	66	3,357	69	3,969	74
Dickenson	2,154	58	2,244	56	2,612	59	2,951	61	3,356	63
Russell	2,341	63	2,446	61	2,761	63	3,014	62	3,476	65
Tazewell	2,779	75	2,957	74	3,311	75	3,557	73	3,871	73

Source:

University of Virginia, The Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business  
Administration, Tayloe Murphy Institute, "Personal Income Estimates for Virginia Cities  
and Counties, Selected Years, 1929 to 1974," May, 1976 (mimeographed), pp. 17, 19, and 21.

Table 7

Reported Achievement, Behavior, and Financial Problems of 1974-1975 Seniors  
in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District

County	Achievement Problems			Behavior Problems			Financial Problems		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Buchanan	123	92	215	17	6	23	9	7	16
Percent	3.7	2.8	6.5	.5	.2	.7	.3	.2	.5
Dickenson	33	15	48	25	14	39	6	9	15
Percent	1.9	.9	2.8	1.4	.8	2.3	.3	.5	.9
Russell	60	39	99	19	6	25	6	12	18
Percent	2.4	1.6	4.0	.8	.2	1.0	.2	.5	.7
Tazewell	46	23	69	12	17	29	23	12	35
Percent	1.2	.6	1.7	.3	.4	.7	.6	.3	.9

Source:

Division of Research and Statistics, State Department of Education, "Facing Up 10,"  
Richmond, Virginia (mimeographed), March, 1976, pp. 18, 20, 25, and 26.

number of achievement problems, 6.5 percent, or 215 seniors. Russell was close behind with 4 percent. Behavior problems reported did not seem to be significant. Surprisingly, financial problems were reported by only 1 percent. This did not seem to correlate with the low per capita income reported for the area. Possible explanations seemed to center around two possibilities: (1) that those seniors with financial problems had dropped out of school; or (2) that seniors did not accurately report or perceive their true financial status. See Table 7, page 27.

Additional financial data were found in SVCC reports. An institutional narrative reported that 60 percent of 749 full-time students qualified for federal financial aid. A reported 60 percent of the area population over 25 years of age had not completed high school and only 4 percent had completed college degrees. The average student age at the institution was 25, reflecting enrollment of a considerable number of adults. About 45 percent of area seniors continued their education, with about 40 percent of those going to SVCC.<sup>4</sup>

#### BACKGROUND OF SVCC

For many years the Cumberland Plateau Planning District did not have a publicly supported college within its boundaries. Bluefield College, located in Bluefield, Virginia, was the only institution of higher education in the District, but it was a private two-year college. All college-bound seniors attended colleges in other areas of Virginia or in other states.

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<sup>4</sup>Charles R. King, President, "Institutional Narrative," Title III, Developing Institutions Proposal, Basic Institutional Development (mimeographed), October, 1976, Item 1.

The Virginia Community College Act of 1966 mandated a network of community colleges to provide appropriate educational opportunities and programs to be available within driving distance of every citizen in the state. The state was divided into twenty-two regions called planning districts, and a community college was built in each.

Southwest Virginia Community College (SVCC) was located in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District, which included Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties. The college was designed to accommodate 350 credit students, but when the doors opened in the fall of 1968, 710 students enrolled.<sup>5</sup> The trend of increasing enrollment continued and by 1975, 1,821 students were attending on campus.<sup>6</sup>

The college, located at Richlands, was described as a developing institution in the heart of the rural Appalachian region of Virginia, serving a population that was 88 percent rural.<sup>7</sup> The population was isolated for many years, as previously noted, and, due to extremely low levels of educational achievement, there was an instantaneous market for the college's services, which probably contributed to a rapid increase in enrollment. For several years the college rented space in the area until new buildings were completed in 1973. This caused a corresponding increase in faculty, from an original twenty-six to seventy-six.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Charles R. King, President, "Institutional Narrative," Title III Developing Institutions Proposal, Basic Institutional Development (mimeographed), October, 1976, Item 1.

<sup>6</sup>Virginia Department of Community Colleges, Student Enrollment Booklet, Fall Quarter, 1975, Richmond (mimeographed), December, 1975, Table 1A.

<sup>7</sup>King, Item 1.

<sup>8</sup>King, Item 1.



In a proposal for federal funds, the college was described as being in an isolated part of Virginia outside the mainstream of higher education.<sup>9</sup> It was admitted that some difficulty was incurred in securing and retaining highly certificated personnel as a result of paltry, or non-existent, cultural opportunities and poor housing. However, a cursory review of the college program by this investigator indicated the college might rank very high among community colleges in Virginia.

The fall 1973 enrollment at the Community College (by residence) totaled 2,177 students, of which 2,074, or 95 percent, were from within the district; 529, or 24 percent, were from Buchanan; 64, or 3 percent, were from Dickenson; 465, or 21 percent, were from Russell; and 1,016, or 47 percent, were from Tazewell.<sup>10</sup>

#### ATTITUDE, A CONSTRUCT

A construct, according to Carter V. Good, was "a property ascribed to two or more objects as a result of scientific observation, generally, a model designed with an awareness of the relationship which exists between data and the model . . ."<sup>11</sup>

Several men during the last quarter of the nineteenth century tried to establish a relationship between physical intensity and psychological intensity. According to several authors, including L. L. Thurstone, these early psychophysicists pioneered the field of

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<sup>9</sup>King, Item 1.

<sup>10</sup>King, Table 8.

<sup>11</sup>Carter V. Good, ed., Dictionary of Education (3d ed.; New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1973), p. 130.

measurement which contributed to the later framework of attitudes and their measurement. Attitudes themselves were not measured but, as the definition indicated, "a property" was ascribed according to scientific observation. In early experiments it was the "intensity" of light and sound as measured by footcandles and decibels and the corresponding psychological brightness and psychological loudness. Those early attempts were limited to the measurement of simple sensory stimuli, until Cattell utilized essentially the same procedures to measure estimated degrees of eminence of scientific men. Thurstone and E. J. Chave reported that the study on a scale for measuring attitude toward the church was intended to continue the work of Cattell and to improve upon the technique of measuring social values.<sup>12</sup> Thurstone and Chave assumed that no thing could be measured directly; that things could be measured indirectly by describing one or more characteristics in numerical terms. Thus, they said, they could measure attitudes just as tables or men could be measured. They used the rejection and acceptance of opinion statements as the measurement of attitudes.<sup>13</sup>

Thurstone's technique was considered a classic in the field of attitude measurement and became the operational base for future experiments to refine the concept. Rensis Likert attempted to simplify the procedure used by Thurstone of establishing scale values by having judges sort statements into piles.<sup>14</sup> Likert thought the technique was

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<sup>12</sup>L. L. Thurstone and E. J. Chave, The Measurement of Attitude (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1929), p. 3.

<sup>13</sup>Thurstone and Chave, pp. 6-8.

<sup>14</sup>Rensis Likert, "A Technique for the Measurement of Attitudes," Archives of Psychology, No. 140 (June, 1932), p. 6.

laborious and challenged the assumption that judges could rate statements without influence from their own attitudes. Likert proposed that scale values could be extracted from voting, which Thurstone earlier had suggested would be preferable to his technique of sorting. Thus the method of summated ratings was born.<sup>15</sup>

### INDEX MEASUREMENT

Robyn M. Dawes described the type of measurement used by rating scales as "index measurement."<sup>16</sup> It was called index measurement because the property of the attitude being indexed determined a corresponding index, but the relationship was only one way; that is, the measurement could not predict which behavior might occur if students were to check other rating scales. Dawes reported that this type of measurement is very useful if some prediction can be made about the potential behavior of subjects, the prediction relating to events which are outside the realm of those utilized in obtaining the measurement.<sup>17</sup>

Rating scales were used almost exclusively by public opinion pollsters to survey attitudes of voters and to predict which candidate most likely would win an election. The rating scale enjoyed equal popularity among sociologists and psychologists according to Dawes, who found that in 1970 approximately 60 percent of all studies reported in a professional journal used it.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup>Likert, pp. 23-26.

<sup>16</sup>Robyn M. Dawes, Fundamentals of Attitude Measurement (New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1972), p. 13.

<sup>17</sup>Dawes, pp. 14-15.

<sup>18</sup>Dawes, p. 96.

# DETERMINANTS OF COLLEGE ATTENDANCE UNKNOWN QUANTITY

What is known about the determinants of college attendance was not clear to some authors. Elizabeth Douvan and Carol Kaye reported that there was a paucity of systematic information about the decision to go to college.<sup>19</sup> They stated further that "If we know little about the decision to go to college, we know even less about how adolescents choose the particular schools they enter."<sup>20</sup> James C. Hurst, Munsey, and Penn<sup>21</sup> found very few studies on the relationship between student and parent attitudes concerning college attendance before and after enrollment. Ronald S. Wilson and Robert J. Dollar<sup>22</sup> and David S. Mundel<sup>23</sup> echoed the lack of studies on factors influencing college selection.

Robert Birnbaum believed that higher education was essentially available to everybody and that interest should be focused not on motivating students to attend college, but on matching the student to the right institution. He reported that attitudinal research dealt primarily with attitudes of college students toward colleges and suggested that

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<sup>19</sup>Elizabeth Douvan and Carol Kaye, "Motivational Factors in College Entrance," The American College, ed. Nevitt Sanford (New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1967), p. 199.

<sup>20</sup>Douvan and Kaye, p. 216.

<sup>21</sup>James C. Hurst and others, "The Effect of College Attendance on Student-Parent Attitude Congruence: Enlargement of a 'Generation Gap,'" The Journal of College Student Personnel, XII (Summer, 1971), 340.

<sup>22</sup>Ronald S. Wilson and Robert J. Dollar, "Student, Teacher and Administrator Perceptions of the Junior College Environment," The Journal of College Student Personnel, XI (May, 1970), 213.

<sup>23</sup>David S. Mundel, "Student Choice and College Going," Change, VI (July-August, 1974), 50.

more emphasis be placed on researching high school students' attitudes toward higher institutions.<sup>24</sup> Samuel B. Cramer surveyed women students' attitudes about attending or not attending college after he found very little research on the subject.<sup>25</sup> T. R. McConnell and Paul Heist believed that college administrators were not interested in obtaining information about students at the time of entry into college other than the usual high school achievement scores and aptitude scores. They stated that comprehensive information on interests, values, motives, attitudes, special aptitudes, and cultural backgrounds was a rarity.<sup>26</sup> McConnell and Heist proposed that ". . . institutions are differentially selective or attractive, not only in students' academic ability, but also in the interests, values, attitudes, intellectual dispositions, and social backgrounds."<sup>27</sup>

Some of the statements about a lack of studies on seniors' attitudes were placed in a different context by Mervin B. Freedman. He believed that for years the social system of the United States was fairly well structured and students' personalities, attitudes, expectations, and goals had very little effect on college enrollment patterns. Since about 1965, he suggested, the situation changed radically with

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<sup>24</sup>Robert Birnbaum, "Student Attitudes Toward 2- and 4-Year Colleges," The Journal of Educational Research, LXV (April, 1972), 369.

<sup>25</sup>Samuel B. Cramer, "To College or Not To College? Market Survey of Student Decisions," College and University Business, LVI (March, 1974), 56.

<sup>26</sup>T. R. McConnell and Paul Heist, "The Diverse College Student Population," The American College, ed. Nevitt Sanford (New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1967), p. 226.

<sup>27</sup>McConnell and Heist, p. 236.

students' personalities and inner forces having greater impact than ever before in the past. He reported that students may be more interested in college for self actualization, to realize certain potentialities, to pursue vocational training. Thus, they might be drifting away from traditional programs.<sup>28</sup>

Ralph F. Berdie thought that attitudes of the family was one of the most critical factors affecting the decision to attend college. If parents respect learning and there is a tradition of relatives going to college, then youngsters usually go to college, he reported.<sup>29</sup>

Discussing some interpretations of his study, Berdie contemplated attitudes of students and their relationship to teachers and the high school. He believed that the school should help students identify and understand their attitudes and develop some implications for them.<sup>30</sup>

William C. Cross and Phillip N. Hacker, investigating the worth of college recruiting and "college" day programs at high schools, found that students were able to decide whether or not to attend college but were unable to decide which college they should attend.<sup>31</sup>

Although there was a paucity of research dealing with attitudes of seniors toward colleges, there were many studies that investigated

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<sup>28</sup>Mervin B. Freedman, "Education for What? Student Goals and Enrollment Trends," College and University, XLVIII (Summer, 1973), 783-787.

<sup>29</sup>Ralph F. Berdie, After High School What? (Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, 1954), p. 20.

<sup>30</sup>Berdie, p. 85.

<sup>31</sup>William C. Cross and Phillip N. Hacker, "College Admissions Planning: A Professional Service for Students," Journal of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, XXXIV (Summer, 1971), 153-159.

college selection and its relationship to socio-economic measures. Many studies dealt with fathers' education and occupation, a few dealt with mothers' education and occupation. Many studies were concerned with high school students.

#### COLLEGE SELECTION AND MEASURES OF FAMILY SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

##### College Selection and Parents' Education

Trent and Medsker did a massive study of 10,000 high school graduates which they reported in their book Beyond High School. They concluded that many factors were associated with college attendance, including two very important ones, academic ability and socio-economic status. Of the two, social status had more bearing, with a strong relationship existing between attendance and parents' educational levels. They found that 36 percent of the fathers and 32 percent of the mothers of college attenders had some college experience.<sup>32</sup>

Thomas J. Risch studied two groups of students at Indiana State University, one group whose parents were both college graduates and the other group whose parents were high school graduates, and concluded that it may be inaccurate to use educational level alone as a measure of social class.<sup>33</sup>

Mundel developed a model to help evaluate factors affecting student decisions to attend college. He concluded that one important

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<sup>32</sup>James W. Trent and Leland L. Medsker, Beyond High School (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, Inc., 1968), pp. 1-28.

<sup>33</sup>Thomas J. Risch, "Expectations for the College Environment," The Journal of College Student Personnel, XI (November, 1970), 463-466.

factor is parents' education and that the effect of the father's education is greater than that of the mother's. When the father had completed college and the mother had completed high school, the probability of college attendance for the senior increased. He also reported that when family income rises, the importance of education as an influencing factor decreases.<sup>34</sup>

Edward L. McDill and James Coleman analyzed the effects of family background and peer influences on college intentions of high school freshmen and seniors. They found that during the freshman year, family background was a more significant factor relating to college attendance than was peer influence; but at the end of the senior year, peer influence had more impact. Father's education, the measure of family influence, was an important factor, but perhaps not the most important, according to this study.<sup>35</sup>

James W. Trent and Janet H. Ruyle studied the characteristics of college and non-college attenders among 10,000 high school graduates. They found that socio-economic status was closely associated with educational status, with 75 percent of students from professional families entering college; while 52 percent from white collar families, 37 percent from skilled worker families, and 28 percent from semi-skilled and unskilled families entered college. They concluded that social status had more bearing on college attendance than academic ability.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>34</sup>Mundel, p. 50.

<sup>35</sup>Edward L. McDill and James Coleman, "Family and Peer Influences in College Plans of High School Students," Sociology of Education, XXXVIII (Winter, 1965), 112-126.

<sup>36</sup>James W. Trent and Janet H. Ruyle, "Variations, Flow, and Patterns of College Attendance," College and University, XLI (Fall, 1965), 61-76.



Harrison G. Gough used the Home Index to assess the relationship between socio-economic status, high school graduation, and college attendance. He found that home ownership was related significantly to graduation for both males and females and predicted college attendance as well as intellectual ability. The Home Index was slightly less accurate than academic achievement in predicting college attendance.<sup>37</sup>

David Gottlieb, exploring the relationship between social class and academic achievement, found that middle and upper class families generally assumed that their children would attend college, while lower class families did not take college attendance for granted. As for academic achievement, he found that lower class high achievers found encouragement and support from school personnel, often finishing in the top third of the class and attending college.<sup>38</sup> These findings were generally supported by Trent and Medsker's conclusion that students in lower socio-economic levels received less parental encouragement for college enrollment and persistence. They also found that about one-half of their subjects reported that no one person had been a great source of help, most selected parents and relatives, with teachers reported second most often. As for the kind of help received during high school, they ranked first, help with school work; second, attitude toward college; and third, choice of college. The greatest proportion

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<sup>37</sup>Harrison G. Gough, "Socioeconomic Status as Related to High School Graduation and College Attendance," Psychology in the Schools, VIII (July, 1971), 226-231.

<sup>38</sup>David Gottlieb, "Social Class, Achievement, and the College Going Experience," The School Review, LXX (Autumn, 1962), 273-286.

of responses came from persisters in college who reported help with attitudes toward college.<sup>39</sup> These authors believed that teachers in their direct contact role with students are better able than counselors to recognize and encourage bright students from lower socio-economic levels.<sup>40</sup>

According to Berdie's study of Minnesota high school seniors, about 35 percent planned to attend college, which just about equaled the number who actually attended.<sup>41</sup> The surprising thing about Berdie's finding was not the percent who actually attended, but that the percent attending equaled the percent who reported earlier as seniors that they planned to attend.

#### Financial Considerations

Berdie reported that although many economically poor students enter college, most college students come from economically stable homes; and that among the reasons for high ability students not attending college, lack of money may be the primary reason.<sup>42</sup> That economic status of the family plays an important role was reinforced by his finding that 90 percent of high ability students who had fathers in high level occupations planned to attend college, while only 55 percent of students of equal ability whose fathers were factory laborers planned to attend college.<sup>43</sup> Summarizing findings on parental attitudes toward college, Ben Willerman stated that "if a parent thinks of a college education primarily in terms of its contribution to the future

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<sup>39</sup>Trent and Medsker, pp. 224-237.

<sup>40</sup>Trent and Medsker, p. 245.

<sup>41</sup>Berdie, p. 57.

<sup>42</sup>Berdie, pp. 16-17.

<sup>43</sup>Berdie, p. 59.

economic welfare of his child, he may seriously consider alternative means which promise financial rewards."<sup>44</sup> Those parents who held high esteem for general education perceived college as a necessity for their children, Willerman reported.

Mundel found that low income families considered cost to be important when selecting a college. Commuting costs, tuition, and room and board were important to them, but commuting costs were rated least important.<sup>45</sup>

Nancy Hubbell Bunnett administered the Mooney Problem Check List to 402 randomly selected freshmen at the University of Illinois to see if lack of parental financial support produced persistent financial problems and strained relationships between students and parents. She found that parental support significantly affected finances, living conditions, and employment, with women marking a significantly greater number of problems in finances than men.<sup>46</sup>

Charles R. Fields and Morris L. LeMay studied 2,801 prospective freshmen who applied for financial aid at Oregon State University for the 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 school years. Forty-five percent of the 1969-1970 group and 55 percent of the 1970-1971 group who did not receive financial aid matriculated, while 90 percent and 76 percent, respectively,

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<sup>44</sup>Ben Willerman, "Parental Attitudes Toward College," After High School What? ed., Ralph Berdie (Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, 1954), p. 177.

<sup>45</sup>Mundel, p. 50.

<sup>46</sup>Nancy Hubbell Bunnett, "Parental Financial Support and the Financial and Family Problems of College Freshmen," Journal of College Student Personnel, XVI (March, 1975), 145-147.

of financial aid recipients matriculated.<sup>47</sup> The study did not determine what happened to those students who failed to receive the aid they applied for and did not matriculate. Whether they persisted in some other college was a matter for speculation.

Some evidence of the motivation of financially dependent students was suggested by Fields and LeMay's study. They found on a longitudinal basis of two years that both matriculated groups of aid recipients and non-recipients had higher grade point averages than matriculated non-applicants for aid groups.<sup>48</sup> They concluded that financial aid for the freshman year was critical for some students deciding whether to attend college, but aid was less important for a student deciding to stay in college.<sup>49</sup>

Donald E. Allen and Richmond E. Kinnard surveyed three grade levels in six senior high schools in a rural county to determine attitudes and preparation for post-high school educational financial problems. Questionnaire sets were completed by 322 students and parents. They explored finances and sources of support available for college and college orientation. On the six factors of college orientation (work; father's job; financial preparation; academic skill of student; rating of the student as a family member by the mother, father, and himself; and college preparation), college preparation was significantly affected by work and academic skill. The authors suggested this

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<sup>47</sup>Charles R. Fields and Morris L. LeMay, "Student Financial Aid: Effects on Educational Decisions and Academic Achievement," Journal of College Student Personnel, XIV (September, 1973), 426.

<sup>48</sup>Fields and LeMay, p. 426.

<sup>49</sup>Fields and LeMay, p. 428.

meant that the experience of some success led to a drive for more success.<sup>50</sup> Allen and Kinnard did not find a significant association for the father's job and sex, grade, aspiration, or academic performance. They did suggest that students nearing graduation assumed greater responsibility for work in keeping with parent and teacher expectations because they found that work was significantly affected by grades in school.<sup>51</sup> Allen and Kinnard concluded:

. . . that the dynamic and functional factors suggestive of adaptation and development are strongly related to the high school students' preparation for entering college, while the static ascriptive factors (sex and race) have no significant effect.<sup>52</sup>

There were suggestions by some authors that high school students who work for pay have different characteristics than students who do not work for pay. Gerald L. Noblitt and William Asher surveyed 443 males and 356 females drawn from Project TALENT to determine how many hours a week they worked for pay and how work related to various measures of achievement, ability, SES, and post-high school plans. They stated that:

The profile of the working high school senior boy reveals lower math, science, reading, and English skills. His IQ is lower, and he may have a difficult time concentrating while attempting to read. Foreign language courses are of less interest to him. He is likely to be more interested in vocational education and less interested in college training. He is more likely to have a car for his own use and is likely to date more.<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>50</sup>Donald E. Allen and Richmond E. Kinnard, "Academic Aspirations and Financial Preparations for College," Journal of Negro Education, XL (Spring, 1971), 127-129.

<sup>51</sup>Allen and Kinnard, pp. 129-130.      <sup>52</sup>Allen and Kinnard, p. 132.

<sup>53</sup>Gerald L. Noblitt and William Asher, "Characteristics of Senior High School Students Who Work for Pay," Vocational Guidance Quarterly, XIX (June, 1971), 255-256.

Their profile of the working high school senior girl described her as follows: ". . . she has taken fewer English classes and also is less interested in further educational opportunities. She is more likely to earn her own spending money, and saving part of her money may be of importance to her."<sup>54</sup>

The Noblitt and Asher study suggested that certain economic attitudes may preclude enrollment in colleges; however, if students do enroll for post-high school education, they might be interested in acquiring vocational skills which offer more immediate employment and financial rewards.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Medsker and Dale Tillery analyzed the SCOPE project which included a survey of 1966 high school graduates in four states. They found that among two-year college enrollees all ability levels were represented with one-fifth of students coming from each of the highest and lowest quartiles. A large percentage of the graduates estimated their high school grades to be average or below. Many students indicated that while in high school they held high educational aspirations, 13 percent selected goals of more than a college degree, 41 percent selected four-year degrees, 25 percent selected the junior college as their top goal, and 19 percent selected vocational skills.<sup>55</sup> Looking

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<sup>54</sup>Noblitt and Asher, p. 256.

<sup>55</sup>Leland Medsker and Dale Tillery, Breaking the Access Barriers (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1971), pp. 38-39, quoting SCOPE Project, Center for Research and Development in Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley, Tillery, 1966.

further at ability levels by analyzing Project TALENT data, Medsker and Tillery found that among 400,000 high school students who did not go on to college, junior college students were more like non-college youth than four-year college students.<sup>56</sup>

Medsker and Tillery speculated that future community college enrollees would come from lower socio-economic groups since a large percentage of students with high ability and high socio-economic levels already attend college.<sup>57</sup>

#### FEMALES' ASPIRATIONS

Richard Mowlesian studied educational and career aspirations of 436 females in an integrated high school in Texas. He found that as the girls proceeded from the ninth to the twelfth grade there was a decrease in aspiration for four years of college and an increase in aspiration for two years of college. Those who aspired for more education also aspired for higher occupations. He believed that girls became more reality-oriented during their high school years, taking into consideration careers and marriage as well as education.<sup>58</sup>

Michele Herman and William Sedlacek studied senior women at the University of Maryland and high school girls in Montgomery County. They concluded that non-career oriented women were more influenced by

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<sup>56</sup>Medsker and Tillery, p. 42, quoting Project TALENT, Cooley and Becker, pp. 464-469.

<sup>57</sup>Medsker and Tillery, p. 46.

<sup>58</sup>Richard Mowlesian, "Educational and Career Aspirations of High School Females," Journal of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, XXXV (Winter, 1972), 65-70.

family and peers, while career oriented women were more influenced by special people in certain occupations. The high school group placed less importance on college graduation than did the college group and they were also less career oriented. High school women were more influenced by monetary rewards than university women.<sup>59</sup>

After determining that little research existed on female attitudes toward entering college, Samuel Cramer did a survey for the public relations office of Russell Sage, a women's college in Troy, New York. He found that students alone decided which college to attend, that financial aid was crucially important, and that parents' influence on daughter's selection of a college was negligible compared with the reported importance of the college catalog as the prime source of information.<sup>60</sup>

#### TEACHER ATTITUDES

Dennis W. Spuck and others conducted a study in six midwestern suburban high schools to determine differences in attitudes among high school freshmen, high school seniors, and high school teachers. Comparing attitudes the students actually reported and teacher perceptions of student attitudes, Spuck found that teachers misperceived and exaggerated student attitudes on three subscales: (1) work ethic; (2) political power; and (2) law and order. On the race subscale,

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<sup>59</sup>Michele Herman and William Sedlacek, "Career Orientations of High School and University Women," Journal of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, XXXVIII (Summer, 1974), 161-166.

<sup>60</sup>Samuel B. Cramer, "To College or Not To College? Market Survey of Student Decisions," College and University Business, LVI (March, 1974), 37.



teachers perceived students as having more traditional attitudes than themselves when in actuality there was no difference.<sup>61</sup>

#### APPALACHIAN COLLEGES

Marc Landy and Mieke Landy, reporting on a change model for Appalachian colleges, described these institutions as isolated culturally and geographically, oblivious to contemporary problems. They characterized the colleges as breeding insularity and social irresponsibility. They reported, too, that college students from disadvantaged Appalachian areas displayed marked tenacity and ambition as they became first generation college attenders in their families.<sup>62</sup>

#### POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS OF STUDENTS WHO SELDOM DISCUSS PLANS

Michelle Shapiro and William Asher studied 5,000 students who seldom discussed post-high school plans to determine some of their characteristics. They found that over half spoke to parents and their friends about post-high school plans, while approximately one-third did not discuss plans with teachers. Seniors who did not discuss plans were from lower socio-economic groups, had lower IQ's, demonstrated poorer study habits, received poorer grades, were poorer readers, had more difficulty communicating, and had fewer outside interests than those who discussed plans. Their parents were not well educated and

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<sup>61</sup>Dennis W. Spuck and others, "High School Attitudes in Transition," School Review, LXXXII (November, 1973), 107-115.

<sup>62</sup>Marc Landy and Mieke Landy, "Higher Learning in Appalachia: A Model for Change," Journal of Higher Education, XLII (March, 1971), 169-170.

mothers did not work or held low-paying jobs. Seniors who discussed plans had characteristics described as generally opposite to the non-discussers.<sup>63</sup>

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Many authors recognized the value of collecting biographical data on college attenders and non-attenders. It was determined by them that aptitude alone was not a sufficient predictor of college attendance. Dale Prediger investigated the power of biographical data as a predictor of college attendance by surveying approximately 20,000 high school senior boys included in Project TALENT. Results showed that predictions based on biographical data combined with academic aptitude were superior to predictions based only on academic aptitude. Actually, there was little difference between predictions based on biographical data alone, and those based on biographical data and academic aptitude. Prediger suggested that biographical data could be viewed as intervening variables representing psychological factors that influence college attendance.<sup>64</sup>

#### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS OF COLLEGE

Research indicated that different students held different expectations for colleges. Sometimes these expectations agreed with

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<sup>63</sup>Michelle Shapiro and William Asher, "Students Who Seldom Discuss Their Post High School Plans," School Counselor, XX (November, 1972), 103-108.

<sup>64</sup>Dale Prediger, "Biographical Data Differentiating College Attenders from Nonattenders at Various Ability Levels," Measurement and Evaluation in Guidance, II (Winter, 1970), 217-224.

expectations held by parents, teachers, and other groups; sometimes they did not. Larry A. Braskamp and Duane Flessner surveyed parents and students during a college orientation day to determine congruency of goals for college selection, similarity of vocational interests, and educational aspirations. They found that parents and students did not agree on the goals for attending college. Interest in vocational areas showed significant correlations for mother and student in nine of twelve groups and significance for only three of twelve groups for father and student. Educational levels of father and mother were not significantly correlated with study hours or degrees sought. A significant correlation was reported for expected grade average as reported by the mother-daughter group.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>65</sup>Larry A. Braskamp and Duane Flessner, "The Congruency Between Parental and Entering Freshmen Expectations," Journal of College Student Personnel, XII (May, 1971), pp. 179-185.

## Chapter 3

### METHODOLOGY

#### SOCIAL ATTITUDES

The social attitudes measured and reported in this study could not be defined with the precision that the population was defined, but the general cluster was described in such a manner that what was measured could be more clearly understood. Taking a broad view, "social" in this instance referred to interactions among the various peoples on the college campus. The variable of the attitude measured was the agreement or disagreement of the relative sociability of the community college and the four-year college. These ratings indicated the senior's perception of whether a dimension existed to a greater extent at a four-year college than it did at a community college.

It was believed that students generally selected a college that offered the same or nearly the same social environment that characterized the student's cultural heritage. Further, it was assumed that the four-year college represented a more cosmopolitan atmosphere, while the community college adhered more closely to localism. Attitude statements were assembled on that basis.

#### ECONOMIC ATTITUDES

The economic attitudes described in this study were believed to cluster according to the conservatism or liberalism of making and spending money. A senior had many experiences involving money during his years as

a family member, in community interactions, and as a high school student. These experiences shaped the basic relationships between money and education which the student demonstrated in the senior year as he faced the choice of attending or not attending college.

Earlier experiences which perhaps revolved generally around an upper socio-economic class culture contributed to more or less liberal viewpoints toward making and spending money. It was realized, however, that intervening variables could have contributed to more or less conservative viewpoints toward money for some students from upper socio-economic classes. Similar analogous statements could be postulated about lower socio-economic classes.

As an illustration, a father who owned a business that made him relatively wealthy, aspired for his son to obtain a B. A. in business administration; in which case, due to his conservatism, he determined that the best path to reach the goal was for the son to take the first two years in a community college and transfer to a four-year institution for the final two years. In this case, it was assumed that the son held the same attitudes as the father. Thus, on a general basis, it was believed that those with lower incomes and those who operated on principles characteristic of lower incomes had more favorable attitudes toward community colleges. Conversely, those with higher incomes and those who operated on principles characteristic of higher incomes had more liberal attitudes and favored four-year colleges.

The variable of the economic attitude was the agreement or disagreement with liberalism or conservatism. Liberalism indicated favorable attitudes toward four-year colleges; conservatism indicated favorable attitudes toward community colleges.

## MAJOR TASKS

The major tasks of this study were to analyze attitudes of high school seniors and their teachers on the economic and social sub-scales and to compare them for significant differences.

The Cumberland Plateau Planning District was selected as the geographical area containing the population for this study. Virginia was divided into planning districts with a community college located in each service area, which in this case included the four counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell. There were fifteen high schools, with an eligible population of 1,573 seniors, and the Southwest Virginia Community College located in the area.

The proposed study was presented to the president of Southwest Virginia Community College, Dr. Charles King, who discussed it with the faculty of the college. A thumbnail sketch was presented to the superintendents of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties, the population area of the study. Letters were received from these officials granting permission for the study and pledging cooperation.

## THE POPULATION

The population for the study included 1,573 seniors in the spring of 1977 in fifteen high schools in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District, which is the service area of the Southwest Virginia Community College at Richlands, Virginia. The counties and schools included were Buchanan County: Grundy Senior High, Hurley High, Garden High, Whitewood High, and Council High; Dickenson County: Clintwood High, Haysi High, and Irvinton High; Russell County: Castlewood High, Honaker High, and Lebanon High; Tazewell County: Tazewell High,

Pocahontas High, Graham High, and Richlands High.

### THE INSTRUMENT

Several attempts were made to locate a suitable instrument to measure attitudes described in this study. Research reports in professional journals were reviewed without success. Most research in the area of student perceptions of college was concerned with college students. The instrument used most often appeared to be CUES, College and University Environmental Scales. A specimen set was ordered from Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, and found to be appropriate for measuring college students' perceptions of four-year colleges, but not for two-year colleges. A specimen set of another potentially appropriate instrument, Student Reactions to College, was reviewed upon the recommendation of the Educational Testing Service associate director of the Institutional Research Program for Higher Education. It was rejected also because it was designed to measure only two-year college students' perceptions about their colleges.

Since a suitable instrument could not be located, it was necessary to construct and validate an instrument to measure the attitudes of high school seniors in order to test the hypotheses of this study.

After discussing the task of constructing the instrument with professors of education at East Tennessee State University and reviewing relevant literature, a list was prepared containing 64 items for the social scale and 22 items for the economic scale. After considerable discussion and deliberation, additional items were formulated to bring the totals to 123 and 59 respectively. A third draft increased the

social scale to 133 items and the economic scale to 90 items. All items were refined and rewritten according to the "Suggested Criteria for Writing Attitude Statements" by Charles Wang<sup>1</sup> and "A Technique for the Measurement of Attitudes" by Rensis Likert.<sup>2</sup>

The technique used for construction of the scales was the Likert method discussed by Allen Edwards<sup>3</sup> in a chapter on "The Method of Summated Ratings." The Likert technique was critically reviewed in the literature and found to be acceptable, with some minor criticisms by Bartlett, Quay and Wrightsman;<sup>4</sup> Edwards and Kenney;<sup>5</sup> Ferguson;<sup>6</sup> Edwards and Kilpatrick.<sup>7</sup> The procedure included the task of making approximately one-half of the statements with the words "four-year colleges" appearing first in the comparison and the other half with the words "community colleges" appearing first in the comparison.

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<sup>1</sup>Charles K. A. Wang, "Suggested Criteria for Writing Attitude Statements," Journal of Social Psychology, III (1932), 367-373.

<sup>2</sup>Rensis Likert, "A Technique for the Measurement of Attitudes," Archives of Psychology, No. 140 (June, 1932), pp. 44-52.

<sup>3</sup>Allen L. Edwards, Technique of Attitude Scale Construction (New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., 1957), pp. 149-171.

<sup>4</sup>Claude J. Bartlett, Lorene Childs Quay, and L. S. Wrightsman, Jr., "A Comparison of Two Methods of Attitude Measurement: Likert-Type and Forced Choice," Educational and Psychological Measurement, XX (1960), 699-704.

<sup>5</sup>Allen L. Edwards and Kathryn Claire Kenney, "A Comparison of the Thurstone and Likert Techniques of Attitude Scale Construction," Journal of Applied Psychology, XXX (February, 1946), 72-83.

<sup>6</sup>Leonard W. Ferguson, "A Study of the Likert Technique of Attitude Scale Construction," The Journal of Social Psychology, XIII (1941), 51-57.

<sup>7</sup>Allen Edwards and Franklin P. Kilpatrick, "A Technique for the Construction of Attitude Scales," Journal of Applied Psychology, XXXII (1948), 374-384.



These items were submitted to a panel of six judges to review and evaluate according to Wang's criteria to determine clarity, relevancy, and adequacy. See Appendix E for instructions given to evaluators. The judges included a professor of education, two professors of psychology, a dean of instruction at a community college, a high school principal, and two supervisors of public school education. Some suggestions and recommendations by the evaluators were incorporated in the items which represented the fourth draft.

The retained and refined items were prepared in a Likert format with a five-point scale: strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree, and strongly disagree. The instrument was administered to nine seniors in a selected high school. According to the guidance counselor, three of the seniors planned to attend a four-year college, three planned to attend a community college, and three did not plan for post-secondary education.

The nine completed instruments were analyzed by plotting a frequency distribution for each item and by personal interviews with each subject in the pilot test. Consequently, several phrases and words were deleted, while it was determined that several the writer thought were suspicious were retained. The approximately one-half hour interview with each subject revealed that the seniors clearly understood the directions, format, and intent of the questionnaire.

After the pilot test with nine seniors, the instrument was edited for the fifth and final time. The social scale had ninety-one items, the economic scale had sixty-four items. Items were assigned to the instrument by using a table of random numbers. It was then retyped and distributed to every twelfth senior in each high school

in the four-county area comprising the population for the study. High school guidance counselors were selected to administer the instrument to seniors. They were given a copy of printed instructions as presented in Appendix E. Also, letters of approval for the conduct of the study from each of the division superintendents, the president of SVCC, and a copy of the approval form for the prospectus of this dissertation were included. See Appendix E.

The secondary supervisor in each county acted as coordinator for distribution and collection of instruments. Each supervisor was thoroughly acquainted with the purpose of the research and the procedures to follow for the field test. All instruments were administered and collected during the same week.

A total of 151 instruments were distributed for the field test. Of these, five blank copies were returned and there were four unusable replies, leaving 142 as the N for the field test. Item analysis was conducted according to the procedure described by Edwards.<sup>8</sup> Response modes were weighted as follows: strongly disagree--0, disagree--1, undecided--2, agree--3, and strongly agree--4. The procedure was to calculate a total raw score for each of the 142 subjects for the social scale and for the economic scale. Scores were then arranged in descending order for the social scale. The thirty-five subjects with the highest scores, representing approximately the top 25 percent of the group, and the thirty-five subjects with the lowest scores, representing approximately the bottom 25 percent of the group, were chosen

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<sup>8</sup>Allen L. Edwards, Technique of Attitude Scale Construction (New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., 1957), pp. 149-171.

as criterion reference groups. This was repeated for the economic scale. These groups were called the high group and the low group.

For the high group, a frequency distribution was constructed for each item on the social scale to determine how many subjects selected each of the five response modes. A mean was calculated for each item. This was repeated for the low group. The means of the low group were subtracted from the means of the high group to determine the differences for each item. The differences of the means were ranked according to the magnitude of the differences and the twenty-five items with the greatest magnitude were selected for the final instrument. This was repeated for the economic scale. See Appendix A for the item analysis data.

The split-halves method was used to determine the reliability co-efficient corrected by the Spearman-Brown formula.<sup>9</sup> The formulas used were:

$$r = \frac{N \sum XY - (\sum X)(\sum Y)}{\sqrt{[N \sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2][N \sum Y^2 - (\sum Y)^2]}}$$

Correction for full test:

$$\text{Reliability on full test} = \frac{2 \times \text{Reliability on } \frac{1}{2} \text{ test}}{1 + \text{Reliability on } \frac{1}{2} \text{ test}}$$

The twenty-five items selected for the final social scale were taken in the same sequence as they appeared in the field test. The first item selected was item number two, the second was item number four, the third was item number eight, and so on. Item number two was listed on the final instrument as item number one, item number four

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<sup>9</sup>Norman E. Gronlund, Measurement and Evaluation in Teaching (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1971), p. 106.

was listed as item number two, and item number eight was listed as item number three. Thus the odd-even sequence was determined. See Appendix B for the instrument.

To calculate the reliability co-efficient, the sum of all the thirteen odd-numbered items and the sum of all the twelve even-numbered items were listed as X and Y scores for each of the 142 subjects. On the social scale, four subjects had not responded to one or more of the items selected for the final scale. These scores were not listed, leaving 138 as the N for the calculation of the reliability co-efficient. The same sequence was followed for the economic scale. See Appendix A for computational data.

The reliability co-efficient for the social scale was .8633 for the half test and .9266 for the full test. For the economic scale, the co-efficient was .4998 for the half test and .67 for the full test. James L. Bruning and B. L. Kintz reported that a reliability value of .70 or higher indicated that a test reliably measures what it purports to measure.<sup>10</sup> Using this standard, the social scale rated very favorably and was accepted. However, it was determined that the results obtained by using the economic scale could not be treated with enough confidence to draw conclusions, make inferences, or to generalize. Consequently, the economic scale was not used for final data collection. All data pertaining to the development of the scale are presented in Appendix A for interested researchers.

The final instrument, consisting of twenty-five items on the

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<sup>10</sup>James L. Bruning and B. L. Kintz, Computational Handbook of Statistics (Glenview, Illinois: Scott, Foresman, and Company, 1968), p. 188.

social scale, and a biographical data form were administered to all seniors in the population area who did not participate in the development of the instrument. Only the social scale was administered to teachers of high school seniors.

The secondary supervisors of all counties in the population area were contacted and given instructions on the procedures to follow in administering the attitude instrument. Time was limited to control extraneous variables associated with the passage of time. The instrument was administered to all seniors during the given week and, for all practical purposes, represented the total population. Instruments were coded so that counties and schools could be identified.

#### Biographical Data Form

A personal data form was given, in addition to the attitudinal instrument, to collect the following background information: name, sex, school, father's occupation, father's education, mother's occupation, mother's education, expected future occupation of the respondent, expected amount of education to be achieved in the future (and how much education should be achieved by today's seniors for tomorrow's world), post-high school plans, when post-high school plans were decided, who had the most influence on the seniors' educational aspirations, and the number of siblings.

#### Level of Education Scale

A level of education scale was constructed for the intended population. The scale used was:

1. Received graduate school degree
2. Attended graduate school
3. Received a two-year college degree

4. Received a four-year college degree
5. Attended a two-year college
6. Attended a four-year college
7. Attended technical, special school
8. Received high school diploma
9. Attended high school
10. Completed elementary school (seventh grade)
11. Completed less than seven grades

For summary and comparative purposes, the education scale was trichotomized according to a high level (categories 1-7), medium level (category 8), and low level (categories 9-11).

To record the level of education that seniors expect to achieve and the level of education that they perceive should be achieved by today's seniors for tomorrow's world, the following scale was used:

1. Graduate school degree
2. Attend graduate school
3. Receive college degree
4. Attend college
5. Attend technical, special school
6. Receive high school diploma

#### Occupational Category Scale

To record the occupational status of fathers and mothers and the expected future occupations of seniors, the classification system utilized by the U. S. Census Bureau to record the 1960 decennial census was used. The classification scheme used the following twelve broad categories:

	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Laborer</u>
1. Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	_____	_____	_____
2. Mining	_____	_____	_____
3. Construction	_____	_____	_____
4. Manufacturing	_____	_____	_____
5. Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	_____	_____	_____
6. Finance, insurance, real estate	_____	_____	_____
7. Wholesale and retail trade	_____	_____	_____
8. Business and repair services	_____	_____	_____
9. Personal services	_____	_____	_____
10. Entertainment and recreation services	_____	_____	_____
11. Professional and related services	_____	_____	_____
12. Public administration	_____	_____	_____

For summary and comparative purposes, the occupational scale was dichotomized according to blue collar (categories 1-5 and 9) and white collar (categories 6-8 and 10-12). Two other categories were added to handle expected responses not indicated above. They were (1) housewife and (2) unemployed. Occupations also were grouped according to an alternative scheme using the categories owner, manager, and laborer.

#### Post-High School Plans

A scale was devised to record anticipated post-high school plans as reported on the personal data form. This scale contained the following choices:

1. Attend a two-year college
2. Attend a four-year college
3. Attend other type of post-secondary school
4. Enter military service
5. Get a job
6. Travel
7. Get married (no outside job)
8. No definite plans
9. Do not know

For summary and comparative purposes, post-high school plans were dichotomized according to those who planned to attend college (categories 1-2) and those who did not plan to attend college (categories 3-9).

#### When Post-High School Plans Were Decided

To record the time element associated with decisions involving post-graduation plans, the following four-factor scale was used:

1. Have not yet decided
2. Decided this year
3. Decided in the eleventh grade
4. Decided before the eleventh grade

#### Person Influencing Plans

In an effort to determine who was perceived by the senior as having the most influence on his educational aspirations, the following statement and categories were included on the personal data form:

Who had the most influence on your educational aspirations?



Please indicate by placing ONLY ONE "x" in the appropriate blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ Father  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sister  
\_\_\_\_\_ Relative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Principal  
\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher  
\_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friends  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

#### Number of Siblings

To determine the size of the senior's family, the respondent was asked to list the number of brothers and sisters in his or her family. To determine family size the numbers were grouped according to four levels: no siblings, one or two siblings, three or four siblings, and five or more siblings.

#### DATA TREATMENT

The data collected were coded according to a predetermined format for a computer program on the IBM 370 at East Tennessee State University. Data were organized to produce frequency distributions, percents, means, and standard deviations by class items. Most data were reported by sex, by school, by county, and by entire population.

For a measure of central tendency, arithmetic means were calculated for attitudes toward community colleges and four-year colleges. They were reported for the following groups: (1) senior males,

(2) senior females, and (3) seniors' teachers. Seniors' scores were grouped according to the following measures: (1) fathers' education, (2) fathers' occupation, (3) mothers' education, (4) mothers' occupation, (5) size of family, and (6) post-high school plans.

To test hypotheses, differences of means were subjected to a multiple classification of analysis of variance and t-tests to determine significance. The confidence level of  $p = \leq .05$  was selected to determine significance; however, all levels obtained were reported.

Hypothesis 16 was subjected to a Pearson product moment correlation coefficient.

## Chapter 4

### DATA AND FINDINGS

There were fifteen high schools in four counties included in this study. There were 1,340 seniors and 278 teachers who responded to 25 attitude statements about four-year colleges and community colleges. The problem of this study was to compare the attitudes of high school seniors toward four-year colleges and community colleges according to the selected factors of (1) sex, (2) mothers' education and occupation, (3) fathers' education and occupation, (4) number of siblings, (5) teachers' attitudes, (6) counties, and (7) post-high school plans. Biographical data which were thought to be incidental and important to the investigation of the problem were collected. These data were concerned with seniors only and included (1) the time frame when seniors decided their post-high school plans, (2) immediate plans upon graduation, (3) who had the most influence upon seniors' educational aspirations, (4) how much education seniors expected to achieve, (5) the level of education seniors thought should be achieved, and (6) the intended occupation seniors expected to select when they entered the job market. These data and the tests of hypotheses are presented in this chapter.

Tables displaying data collected in this study were organized to show the number and percent of responses for selected categories according to counties and the total population. Descriptions, unless otherwise noted, refer to these tables. Back-up tables, presenting

data by schools within each of the four counties were numbered to correspond to tables by counties and were included in Appendix C. Readers interested only in the larger picture as it relates to the four counties and to the entire area need only read this chapter. Those interested in pursuing the data into smaller units by schools should scrutinize Appendix C.

#### PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS

Table 8 shows the number of seniors eligible for the study and the number and percentage of respondents by sex, by school, and by county. Of the 1,573 seniors eligible for final data collection, 1,340 responded for a return percentage of 85.19. The highest return rate was 95.45 percent from Irvinton in Dickenson County and the lowest return rate was 74.31 percent from Castlewood in Russell County.

A total of 232 teachers responded as follows: 78 from Buchanan County, 27 from Dickenson County, 54 from Russell County, and 73 from Tazewell County. Only those teachers who had a senior enrolled in any of their classes were eligible to respond to the attitude statements. It was assumed that nearly 100 percent of eligible teachers responded.

#### EDUCATIONAL LEVELS OF FATHERS

Educational levels of fathers were reported on the same scale used for mothers. Table 9 shows that 283, or 21.1 percent, of 1,340 seniors reported fathers with more than a high school education. That was slightly higher than the percentage reported for mothers, 18.6 percent. Seniors reported that 248, or 18.5 percent of fathers, had high school diplomas and that another 341, or 25.4 percent, had attended

Table 8

## Enrollment and Respondents by County, School, and Sex

School	Enrollment	Respondents								Return Percentage
	Eligible Seniors	Sex Not Reported		Senior Males		Senior Females		Total Seniors		
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Council	45	0	0.0	20	47.6	22	52.4	42	100.0	93.33
Garden	59	2	4.3	23	48.9	22	46.8	47	100.0	79.66
Grundy	190	4	2.6	70	45.8	79	51.6	153	100.0	80.53
Hurley	40	1	2.6	17	44.7	20	52.6	38	100.0	95.00
Whitewood	38	0	0.0	15	42.9	20	57.1	35	100.0	92.11
Buchanan County Total	372	7	2.2	145	46.0	163	51.7	315	100.0	84.86
Clintwood	90	3	3.4	42	47.2	44	49.4	89	100.0	98.89
Haysi	91	3	3.8	37	46.8	39	49.4	79	100.0	86.81
Irvinton	44	0	0.0	25	59.5	17	40.5	42	100.0	95.45
Dickenson County Total	225	6	2.9	104	49.5	100	47.6	210	100.0	93.3

Table 8 (continued)

School	Enrollment	Respondents								Return Percentage
	Eligible Seniors	Sex Not Reported		Senior Males		Senior Females		Total Seniors		
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Castlewood Honaker Lebanon	109	1	1.2	37	45.7	43	53.1	81	100.0	74.31
	107	1	1.0	41	42.7	54	56.3	96	100.0	81.88
	157	1	.8	66	50.0	65	49.2	132	100.0	89.72
Russell County Total	373	3	1.0	144	46.6	162	52.4	309	100.0	82.8
Graham Pocahontas Richlands Tazewell	138	3	2.7	50	44.2	60	53.1	113	100.0	81.88
	41	0	0.0	18	48.6	19	51.4	37	100.0	90.24
	246	1	0.5	109	51.2	103	48.4	213	100.0	86.59
	178	2	1.4	73	51.0	68	47.6	143	100.0	80.34
Tazewell County Total	603	6	1.2	250	49.4	250	49.4	506	100.0	83.9
Grand Total	1,573	22	1.6	643	48.0	675	50.4	1,340	100.0	85.19

Table 9

## Educational Levels of Seniors' Fathers by County

Category	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	8	2.5	10	4.8	21	6.8	20	4.0	59	4.4
Attended Graduate School	5	1.6	3	1.4	4	1.3	11	2.2	23	1.7
Received Two-Year College Degree	3	0.9	2	0.9	5	1.6	16	3.2	26	1.9
Received Four-Year College Degree	7	2.2	8	3.8	5	1.6	17	3.4	37	2.8
Attended a Two-Year College	3	0.9	0	0.0	2	0.7	7	1.4	12	0.9
Attended a Four-Year College	4	1.3	2	0.9	5	1.6	13	2.6	24	1.8
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	13	4.1	16	7.6	19	6.2	54	10.7	102	7.6
Received a High School Diploma	40	12.7	30	14.3	60	19.4	118	23.3	248	18.5
Attended High School	88	27.9	50	23.8	89	28.8	114	22.5	341	25.4
Completed Elementary School	41	13.0	47	22.4	34	11.0	44	8.7	166	12.4
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	91	28.9	36	17.1	57	18.5	73	14.4	257	19.1
No Response	12	3.8	6	2.9	8	2.6	19	3.8	45	3.4
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

high school. A total of 423, or 31.5 percent, had only "completed elementary school" and "completed less than seven grades." In general, fathers had lower educational levels than mothers. Buchanan County ranked lower than the other counties, followed by Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell, in that order.

Very small percentages were reported for fathers and mothers who attended community colleges or received community college degrees. This probably reflected the unavailability of community colleges for that generation of high school graduates, since the Virginia system of community colleges was initiated in 1966.

#### EDUCATIONAL LEVELS OF MOTHERS

Educational levels of mothers were reported by seniors on an eleven-factor scale. Table 10 shows that of 1,340 seniors, 249, or 18.6 percent, reported mothers with more than a high school education. Only 373, or 27.8 percent of mothers, were reported to have high school diplomas; while 409, or 30.5 percent, had only attended high school. Another 250, or 18.6 percent, completed elementary school or completed less than seven grades. These population figures were generally uniform for most categories and counties except that Tazewell County had considerably more mothers, 172, or 34 percent, who received high school diplomas than did either Buchanan, 66, or 21 percent, or Dickenson, 44, or 21 percent. On the other hand, Buchanan and Dickenson had more mothers in the two categories of "completed elementary school" and "completed seven grades or less," 80, or 25.4 percent, and 57, or 27.2 percent, respectively, than did Russell, 46, or 14.9 percent, or Tazewell, 64, or 13.2 percent.



Table 10  
Educational Levels of Seniors' Mothers by County

Category	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	11	3.5	6	2.9	13	4.2	22	4.4	52	3.9
Attended Graduate School	6	2.0	1	.5	4	1.3	4	.8	15	1.1
Received Two-Year College Degree	8	2.5	5	2.4	8	2.6	14	2.8	35	2.6
Received Four-Year College Degree	8	2.5	4	1.9	10	3.2	18	3.6	40	3.0
Attended a Two-Year College	8	2.5	5	2.4	5	1.6	10	2.0	28	2.1
Attended a Four-Year College	5	1.6	9	4.3	4	1.3	8	1.6	26	1.9
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	5	1.6	6	2.9	11	3.6	31	6.1	53	4.0
Received a High School Diploma	66	21.0	44	21.0	91	29.5	172	34.0	373	27.8
Attended High School	104	33.0	64	30.5	107	34.6	134	26.5	409	30.5
Completed Elementary School	40	12.7	35	16.7	25	8.1	29	5.7	129	9.6
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	40	12.7	22	10.5	21	6.8	38	7.5	121	9.0
No Response	14	4.4	9	4.3	10	3.2	26	5.1	59	4.4
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

## EDUCATION OF SENIORS' FATHERS BY THREE LEVELS

The first seven categories of education, all those above the category labelled "received a high school diploma," were grouped together and called "high level." The category "received a high school diploma" was called "medium level," and the two categories labelled "completed elementary school" and "completed less than seven grades" were grouped and called "low level." Table 11 shows that of 1,184 seniors reporting, 260, or 22 percent, reported fathers with high level education; 220, or 18.6 percent, reported fathers with medium level education; and 679, or 57.4 percent, reported fathers with low level education. Only 25, or 2.1 percent, failed to respond to the question.

Among the counties, more Tazewell fathers were in the high level category, 128, or 28.7 percent, and the smallest group was in Buchanan, 39, or 14.3 percent. The same pattern was true for the medium level. In the low level category, the largest group was in Buchanan, 194, or 71.1 percent, and the smallest group was in Tazewell, 202, or 45.3 percent.

## EDUCATION OF SENIORS' MOTHERS BY THREE LEVELS

Table 11 shows the number and percent of mothers by the three levels that were used to classify fathers. There were 229, or 19.3 percent of 1,184 mothers, reported in the high level category; 333, or 28.1 percent, in the medium category; and 583, or 49.3 percent, in the low level category. Only 39, or 3.3 percent, did not respond. As was the case with fathers, there were more Tazewell mothers, 100, or 22.4 percent, in the high level category than in any other county; and Buchanan had the smallest number, 45, or 16.5 percent. In the medium

Table 11  
Frequency of Three Levels of Education  
for Seniors' Fathers and Mothers  
by County

	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Fathers:										
No Response	7	2.6	2	1.1	6	2.2	10	2.2	25	2.1
High Level	39	14.3	36	19.1	57	20.6	128	28.7	260	22.0
Medium Level	33	12.1	28	14.9	53	19.1	106	23.8	220	18.6
Low Level	194	71.1	122	64.9	161	58.1	202	45.3	679	57.4
Total	273	100.0	188	100.0	277	100.0	446	100.0	1,184	100.0
Mothers:										
No Response	10	3.7	6	3.2	7	2.5	16	3.6	39	3.3
High Level	45	16.5	34	18.1	50	18.1	100	22.4	229	19.3
Medium Level	53	19.4	41	21.8	83	30.0	156	35.0	333	28.1
Low Level	165	60.4	107	57.0	137	49.5	174	39.0	583	49.3
Total	273	100.0	188	100.0	277	100.0	446	100.0	1,184	100.0

level category, there were more Tazewell mothers, 156, or 35 percent, than in other counties; and the smallest group was in Buchanan, 53, or 19.4 percent. In the low level category, Buchanan had more mothers, 165, or 60.4 percent; while Tazewell had the smallest number, 174, or 39.0 percent.

Comparing educational levels of mothers with fathers, Table 11 shows there were slightly more fathers than mothers in the high level category, 22 percent to 19.3 percent, but there were also far more fathers than mothers in the low level category, 57.4 percent to 49.3 percent. Many more mothers, 28 percent, than fathers, 18.6 percent, were in the medium level. The overall picture is that, on the average, mothers had more education than fathers.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF FATHERS BY THIRTEEN CLASSIFICATIONS

Table 12 shows that a small group of fathers, 55, or 4.1 percent, was engaged in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. The largest group was reported in Russell, 29, or 9.4 percent; while the smallest group was reported in Buchanan, 5, or 1.6 percent. The largest occupational category, mining, which is the major industry in the area, yielded 171, or 54.3 percent, fathers in Buchanan; 112, or 53.3 percent, in Dickenson; 118, or 38.2 percent, in Russell; 178, or 35.2 percent in Tazewell; and 579, or 43.2 percent, for the entire population.

The second largest group reported for the entire area was that of unemployed, 135, or 10.1 percent. The categories with the next largest groups were construction, 96, or 7.2 percent; transportation, communication, and other public utilities, 71 or 5.3 percent; business and repair services, 66, or 4.9 percent; and professional and related

Table 12

## Occupations of Seniors' Fathers by Thirteen Classifications by County

Occupational Classification	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	5	1.6	8	3.8	29	9.4	13	2.6	55	4.1
Mining	171	54.3	112	53.3	118	38.2	178	35.2	579	43.2
Construction	14	4.4	13	6.2	34	11.0	35	6.9	96	7.2
Manufacturing	3	1.0	5	2.4	14	4.5	26	5.1	48	3.6
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	11	3.5	10	4.8	19	6.1	31	6.1	71	5.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13	4.1	9	4.3	11	3.6	32	6.3	65	4.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	2	0.6	1	0.5	3	1.0	12	2.4	18	1.3
Business and Repair Services	15	4.8	3	1.4	9	2.9	39	7.7	66	4.9
Personal Services	4	1.3	3	1.4	7	2.3	6	1.2	20	1.5
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	1	0.5	2	0.6	1	0.2	4	0.3
Professional and Related Services	5	1.6	10	4.8	11	3.6	32	6.3	58	4.3
Public Administration	5	1.6	2	1.0	10	3.2	10	2.0	27	2.0
Unemployed	42	13.3	23	11.0	22	7.1	48	9.5	135	10.1
No Response	25	7.9	10	4.8	20	6.5	43	8.5	98	7.3
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

services, 58, or 4.3 percent. There were less than 4 percent in the other categories.

A perusal of the continued tables for individual schools by county, Appendix C, showed generally consistent patterns of employment within counties, although there were wide disparities among schools in certain categories. For example, seniors at Whitewood in Buchanan County reported that 77.1 percent of fathers were miners, while only 16.8 percent of fathers at Graham in Tazewell County were reported as miners. Whitewood was an isolated coal mining community, while Graham represented the Bluefield area, which had a more diverse and pluralistic economy. The largest group of unemployed fathers was reported by Hurley seniors in Buchanan County, 23.7 percent; while the smallest group was reported by Castlewood seniors in Russell County, 4.9 percent.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF MOTHERS BY FOURTEEN CLASSIFICATIONS

Table 13 shows that 824, or 61.5 percent of mothers, reported in this study were housewives. Except for 25, or 1.8 percent, reported as unemployed and the 68, or 5.1 percent, for which there was no response, 423, or 31.6 percent, were employed in all the other categories. The largest group, 83, or 6.2 percent, was reported in professional and related services, probably due primarily to public education. The next largest categories included manufacturing, 70, or 5.2 percent, and public administration, 67, or 5.0 percent. Wholesale and retail trade, and personal services each had 4.6 percent. The other categories were represented by very small percentages.

As was the case with fathers, mothers' occupations fit generally consistent patterns within counties but showed wide variations by

Table 13

## Occupations of Seniors' Mothers by Fourteen Classifications by County

Occupational Classification	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	2	0.1
Mining	1	0.3	4	1.9	1	0.3	2	0.4	8	0.6
Construction	0	0.0	1	0.5	0	0.0	3	0.6	4	0.3
Manufacturing	11	3.5	6	2.9	35	11.3	18	3.6	70	5.2
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	1	0.3	3	1.4	7	2.3	9	1.8	20	1.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	12	3.8	12	5.7	8	2.6	30	5.9	62	4.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	2	0.6	2	1.0	3	1.0	6	1.2	13	1.0
Business and Repair Services	5	1.6	1	0.5	3	1.0	16	3.2	25	1.9
Personal Services	12	3.8	6	2.9	14	4.5	29	5.7	61	4.6
Entertainment and Recreation Services	1	0.3	2	1.0	2	0.6	3	0.6	8	0.6
Professional and Related Services	16	5.1	11	5.2	12	3.9	44	8.7	83	6.2
Public Administration	16	5.1	9	4.3	13	4.2	29	5.7	67	5.0
Housewife	210	66.7	138	65.7	191	61.8	285	56.3	824	61.5
Unemployed	6	1.9	7	3.3	3	1.0	9	1.8	25	1.8
No Response	22	7.0	8	3.8	17	5.5	21	4.2	68	5.1
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

schools. Variations probably were attributed to the relative availability of certain jobs. Some communities, for example, offered close proximity to various factories. Lebanon seniors, in Russell County, reported 16.7 percent of mothers in manufacturing jobs; while Whitewood seniors failed to report a single parent in that category. Few mothers in wholesale and retail trade were reported in outlying schools, while the largest numbers were reported in schools serving the county seat and in Graham.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF FATHERS BY THREE LEVELS

Occupational levels were trichotomized for summary purposes as (1) owners, (2) managers, and (3) laborers. Table 14 shows that 700, or 52.2 percent of all fathers, were reported as laborers. The smallest groups, 157, or 49.8 percent, and 250, or 49.4 percent, were reported for Buchanan and Tazewell, respectively, while the largest group, 178, or 57.6 percent, was reported for Russell. Less than 20 percent of fathers in each county were owners and, except for Tazewell with 17.6 percent, less than 15 percent were managers. Fathers reported as unemployed and those not reported for any category were grouped in the category labelled "other." Of 1,340 seniors, 234, or 17.5 percent, placed their fathers in the "other" category. Buchanan fathers represented the largest group with 68, or 21.6 percent, and Russell fathers represented the smallest group with 42, or 13.6 percent.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF MOTHERS BY THREE LEVELS

Mothers' occupational levels were grouped in the same manner as fathers. Table 15 shows that more mothers were employed in Russell and



Table 14

## Occupational Levels of Fathers by County

County	N	Other		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Buchanan	315	68	21.6	49	15.6	41	13.0	157	49.8
Dickenson	210	33	15.6	41	19.5	21	10.0	115	54.8
Russell	309	42	13.6	54	17.5	35	11.3	178	57.6
Tazewell	506	91	18.0	76	15.0	89	17.6	250	49.4
Total	1,340	234	17.5	220	16.4	186	13.9	700	52.2

Table 15

## Occupational Levels of Mothers by County

County	N	Other		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Buchanan	315	239	75.9	10	3.1	14	4.4	52	16.5
Dickenson	210	153	72.9	11	5.2	12	5.7	34	16.2
Russell	309	211	68.3	7	2.3	9	2.9	82	26.5
Tazewell	506	315	62.3	17	3.4	29	5.7	145	28.7
Total	1,340	918	68.5	45	3.4	64	4.8	313	23.4

Tazewell than in Buchanan and Dickenson. Approximately three-fourths of Buchanan and Dickenson mothers were reported in the "other" category as housewives, unemployed, or not reported. In Russell, 211, or 68.3 percent, and in Tazewell, 315, or 62.3 percent, were reported in the "other" category. The percentage of mothers reported in the owner and manager levels ranged from 5.7 percent downward to 2.3 percent. In the laborer category, Dickenson had the smallest group, 34, or 16.2 percent; while Tazewell had the largest group, 145, or 28.7 percent.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF SENIORS' FATHERS GROUPED BY THREE LEVELS

The thirteen classifications of fathers' occupations were grouped by three levels. The first group, "High Level," labelled white collar, included the classifications of wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, real estate; business and repair services; entertainment and recreation services; professional and related services; and public administration. The second group, "Low Level," labelled blue collar, included agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; mining; construction; manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; and personal services. One other level, unemployed, was added for fathers. The data are displayed in Table 16.

There were 233, or 19.7 percent, seniors' fathers in the "high level"; 831, or 70.2 percent, in the "low level"; and 120, or 10.1 percent, in the category "unemployed." Among the counties, Tazewell had more fathers, 122, or 27.4 percent, in high level occupations; while Dickenson had the smallest number, 26, or 13.8 percent. Russell had more fathers, 212, or 76.5 percent, in low level occupations; while Tazewell had the smallest number, 281, or 63 percent. The largest

Table 16

Frequency of Three Levels of Occupation  
for Seniors' Fathers and Mothers  
by County

Occupational Category	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Fathers:										
High Level (White Collar)	39	14.3	26	13.8	46	16.6	122	27.4	233	19.7
Low Level (Blue Collar)	197	72.2	141	75.0	212	76.5	281	63.0	831	70.2
Unemployed	37	13.6	21	11.2	19	6.9	43	9.6	120	10.1
Total	273	100.0	188	100.0	277	100.0	446	100.0	1,184	100.0
Mothers:										
High Level (White Collar)	50	18.3	35	18.6	38	13.7	122	27.4	245	20.7
Low Level (Blue Collar)	23	8.4	20	10.6	56	20.2	57	12.8	156	13.2
Housewife	200	73.3	133	70.7	183	66.1	267	59.9	783	66.1
Total	273	100.0	188	100.0	277	100.0	446	100.0	1,184	100.0

group of unemployed fathers was reported by Buchanan seniors, 37, or 13.6 percent; and the smallest group, 19, or 6.9 percent, was reported by Russell seniors.

#### OCCUPATIONS OF SENIORS' MOTHERS GROUPED BY THREE LEVELS

The levels used to group fathers were used to group mothers; that is, a high level and a low level, corresponding to white collar and blue collar. Instead of the category "unemployed" (for which there were only 25 mothers in the entire population of 1,340) the category "housewife" was used.

Table 16 shows that for the entire population there were 245, or 20.7 percent, mothers reported in the "high level"; 156, or 13.2 percent, reported in the "low level"; and 783, or 66.1 percent, reported in the category "housewife." Among the counties, Tazewell had more mothers, 122, or 27.4 percent, in high level occupations; while Russell had the smallest number, 38, or 13.7 percent. Russell had more mothers, 56, or 20.2 percent, in low level occupations; while Buchanan had the smallest number, 23, or 8.4 percent. Buchanan had more mothers, 200, or 73.3 percent, reported as housewives; while Tazewell had 267, or 59.9 percent.

#### INTENDED OCCUPATIONS OF SENIORS

Table 17 presents the number and percent of seniors by county who reported the occupational categories they intended to select when they entered the job market. Although the major industry in the area was coal, the largest group, 286, or 21.3 percent of 1,340 seniors, planned for professional and related services jobs. Mining ranked

Table 17

## Intended Occupations of All Seniors by County

Occupational Category	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	6	1.9	7	3.3	11	3.6	12	2.4	36	2.7
Mining	65	20.6	55	26.2	61	19.7	77	15.2	258	19.3
Construction	16	5.0	19	9.1	23	7.4	26	5.1	84	6.3
Manufacturing	9	2.9	6	2.9	12	3.9	14	2.8	41	3.1
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	9	2.9	9	4.3	18	5.8	16	3.2	52	3.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	14	4.4	11	5.2	6	1.9	37	7.3	68	5.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	11	3.5	2	0.9	7	2.3	17	3.4	37	2.8
Business and Repair Services	32	10.2	15	7.1	37	12.0	60	11.9	144	10.7
Personal Services	37	11.8	18	8.6	31	10.0	32	6.3	118	8.8
Entertainment and Recreation Services	7	2.2	8	3.8	9	2.9	11	2.2	35	2.6
Professional and Related Services	49	15.6	24	11.4	62	20.1	151	29.9	286	21.3
Public Administration	25	7.9	23	11.0	20	6.5	27	5.3	95	7.1
No Response	35	11.1	13	6.2	12	3.9	26	5.1	86	6.4
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

second, with 258, or 19.3 percent, seniors; followed by business and repair services, 144, or 10.7 percent; personal services, 118, or 8.8 percent; public administration, 95, or 7.1 percent; construction, 84, or 6.3 percent; and wholesale and retail trade, 68, or 5.1 percent. Each of the other categories had less than 5 percent, while 6.4 percent did not respond.

The largest group selecting mining was Dickenson seniors, 55, or 26.2 percent; while the smallest group planning on mining for their future occupation was Tazewell seniors, 77, or 15.2 percent. In Tazewell, professional and related services were popular with 151, or 29.9 percent of seniors, selecting that category which accounted for a large portion of the 286, or 21.3 percent, average for the area. In Buchanan and Dickenson, the primary selections were mining. The least popular categories were finance, insurance, real estate, and entertainment, and recreation services with less than 3 percent of seniors selecting each.

#### LEVEL OF EDUCATION SENIORS EXPECT TO ACHIEVE

Seniors were asked to check the level of education they expected to achieve. The results were tabulated and presented in Table 18 according to a six-level scale. This table shows that 585, or 43.7 percent of all seniors in the study, intended to stop their education with the high school diploma. More Buchanan seniors, 159, or 50.5 percent, and Dickenson seniors, 108, or 51.4 percent, intended to stop with the high school diploma than did Russell seniors, 134, or 43.4 percent, or Tazewell seniors, 184, or 36.4 percent.

Only 285, or 21.3 percent of all seniors, intended to receive a

Table 18

## Level of Education Seniors Expect to Achieve by County

Level of Education	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	28	8.9	14	6.7	26	8.4	41	8.1	109	8.1
Attend Graduate School	4	1.3	3	1.4	5	1.6	4	0.7	16	1.2
Receive College Degree	44	14.0	39	18.6	70	22.7	132	26.1	285	21.3
Attend College	33	10.5	17	8.1	40	12.9	79	15.6	169	12.6
Attend Technical, Special School	29	9.2	22	10.5	26	8.4	54	10.7	131	9.8
Receive High School Diploma	159	50.5	108	51.4	134	43.4	184	36.4	585	43.7
No Response	18	5.7	7	3.3	8	2.6	12	2.4	45	3.4
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0



college degree, with the largest group in Tazewell, 132, or 26.1 percent, and the smallest group in Buchanan, 44, or 14.0 percent. A surprising 109, or 8.1 percent, of all seniors expected to achieve a graduate school degree, with the numbers about equal among the four counties.

Among the schools, the lowest educational aspirations were reported by seniors at Hurley, 84.2 percent expecting to achieve only a high school diploma; while the highest aspirations were reported by Grundy, Whitewood, Honaker, and Graham, with between 10.5 and 11.5 percent expecting to receive a graduate school degree.

#### LEVELS OF EDUCATION SENIORS REPORT THAT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED

Seniors were asked to report the level of education they thought seniors should achieve for tomorrow's world, using the same scale that recorded the level of education that seniors expected to achieve. Table 19 shows the numbers and percent of responses for each of the categories by county. The data show that 452 seniors, or 33.7 percent, believed a high school senior should receive a college degree. Among the counties, 130, or 42.1 percent, of Russell seniors believed a college degree was essential; while only 60, or 28.6 percent, of Dickenson seniors believed so. A comparison of this category with the same category in Table 8 revealed that seniors do not expect to achieve as much education as they perceive to be necessary for tomorrow's world. Only 285, or 21.3 percent, planned to receive a college degree; while 452, or 33.7 percent, believed that seniors should receive a college degree.

Another way to view the relationship between what seniors expect to achieve and what they believe should be achieved is to compare the category "receive a high school diploma" in Table 18, page 85, with the same

category in Table 19. Only 207 seniors, or 15.4 percent, believed that a high school diploma would be adequate for "tomorrow"; while 585, or 43.7 percent, intended to achieve only a high school diploma. In every case, more seniors selected categories above the high school diploma in Table 19 than selected the same categories in Table 18.

#### POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS OF SENIORS

Seniors were asked to indicate what they planned to do after graduation by selecting one category among the nine listed. Table 20 presents the number and percentage of selections according to categories by county by total population. More seniors, 528, or 39.4 percent, selected the category "get a job" than any other category. The second most popular category was "attend a four-year college," selected by 235, or 17.5 percent, of all seniors. Another 210, or 15.7 percent, selected the category "attend a two-year college." Only 42, or 3.1 percent, reported they planned to enter military service; 19, or 1.4 percent, planned to travel; and 66, or 4.9 percent, planned to get married. Ninety-two, or 6.9 percent, reported they had no definite plans; while 52, or 3.9 percent, reported they did not know what they were going to do; 50, or 3.7 percent, did not respond to this question. As might be expected from a review of the data on educational levels of fathers and mothers, more Tazewell seniors planned to attend a four-year college than did seniors in the other three counties. In three counties more seniors planned to attend four-year colleges than planned to attend community colleges. Only in Russell County did more seniors plan to attend community colleges, 64, or 20.7 percent, than planned to attend four-year colleges, 41, or 13.3 percent.

More Buchanan seniors reported they had no definite plans, 32,

Table 19

## Reported Levels of Education Seniors Should Achieve by County

Level of Education	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	34	10.8	18	8.6	23	7.4	51	10.1	126	9.4
Attend Graduate School	7	2.2	2	1.0	8	2.6	10	1.9	27	2.0
Receive College Degree	107	34.0	60	28.6	130	42.1	155	30.6	452	33.7
Attend College	51	16.2	39	18.6	46	14.9	106	21.0	242	18.1
Attend Technical, Special School	34	10.8	43	20.5	41	13.3	77	15.2	195	14.6
Receive High School Diploma	57	18.1	37	17.6	42	13.6	71	14.0	207	15.4
No Response	25	7.9	11	5.2	19	6.2	36	7.1	91	6.8
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

Table 20

## Seniors' Post-High School Plans by County

Plans	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attend a Two-Year College	36	11.4	19	9.1	64	20.7	91	18.0	210	15.7
Attend a Four-Year College	46	14.6	31	14.8	41	13.3	117	23.1	235	17.5
Attend Other Type of Post-Secondary School	12	3.8	9	4.3	5	1.6	20	4.0	46	3.4
Enter Military Service	4	1.3	6	2.9	7	2.3	25	4.9	42	3.1
Get a Job	128	40.6	91	43.3	136	44.0	173	34.2	528	39.4
Travel	1	0.3	6	2.9	3	1.0	9	1.8	19	1.4
Get Married (No Outside Job)	25	7.9	16	7.6	13	4.2	12	2.4	66	4.9
No Definite Plans	32	10.2	18	8.6	16	5.2	26	5.1	92	6.9
Do Not Know	13	4.1	9	4.3	14	4.5	16	3.2	52	3.9
No Response	18	5.7	5	2.4	10	3.2	17	3.4	50	3.7
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

or 10.2 percent, than did seniors in other counties. Buchanan seniors also exceeded the rate of no responses by seniors in other counties.

#### WHEN SENIORS DECIDED POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

Seniors indicated when they decided what they would do after graduation by responding to a four-factor scale. Table 21 shows that 372 seniors, or 27.8 percent, reported they had not yet decided what they would do. The largest group, 559, or 41.7 percent, reported they decided during their senior year what they would do after graduation. Another 176, or 13.1 percent, reported they decided in the eleventh grade, and 219, or 16.3 percent, reported they decided before the eleventh grade.

More Buchanan seniors, 96, or 30.5 percent, and Dickenson seniors, 73, or 34.8 percent, had not yet decided than either Russell seniors, 83, or 26.9 percent, or Tazewell seniors, 120, or 23.7 percent. More Tazewell seniors decided before the eleventh grade, 87, or 17.2 percent, than seniors in the other three counties. There was a small number of seniors who did not respond to this question, 1.6 percent in Buchanan, .5 percent in Dickenson, 1.0 percent in Russell, and 1.0 percent in Tazewell, for a total of 14, or 1.0 percent, for all counties.

Among the schools, seniors at Hurley in Buchanan County seemed to be most indecisive with 18, or 47.4 percent, reporting they had not yet decided. Tazewell High in Tazewell County and Council in Buchanan County had the smallest numbers of undecided seniors, 30, or 21 percent, and 9, or 21.4 percent, respectively.

#### PEOPLE WHO INFLUENCED SENIORS' EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

Seniors indicated who had the most influence on their educational aspirations by selecting among ten categories of people. The results are

Table 21

## When Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans by County

Time	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have Not Yet Decided	96	30.5	73	34.8	83	26.9	120	23.7	372	27.8
Decided This School Year (Twelfth Grade)	113	35.9	80	38.1	131	42.4	235	46.4	559	41.7
Decided in the Eleventh Grade	50	15.9	25	11.9	42	13.6	59	11.7	176	13.1
Decided Before the Eleventh Grade	51	16.2	31	14.8	50	16.2	87	17.2	219	16.3
No Response	5	1.6	1	0.5	3	1.0	5	1.0	14	1.0
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0

portrayed in Table 22. The persons selected most often were the mother, chosen by 371, or 27.7 percent of 1,340 seniors, followed by the father, who was selected by 315, or 23.5 percent. The next largest category was "other," which 277, or 20.6 percent, selected. In descending order, 111, or 8.3 percent, selected friends; 71, or 5.3 percent, selected the teacher; 47, or 3.5 percent, selected relative; 37, or 2.8 percent, selected brother; 37, or 2.8 percent, selected sister; 28, or 2.1 percent, selected guidance counselor; and 6, or .4 percent, selected the principal. There were 40, or 3.0 percent, who did not respond to the question.

If all family members, including father, mother, brother, sister, and relative, were placed in one group, 807 seniors, or 60.3 percent, would have chosen that category. If school personnel, including the principal, teacher, and guidance counselor, were placed in one group, 105, or 7.8 percent, would have chosen that category. Among the school group, the teacher is most influential, followed by the guidance counselor and the principal.

Among the counties, the range for seniors selecting the father was extremely small, from 22.9 percent to 23.9 percent. The range was larger for the category "mother," with 97, or 31.4 percent of Russell seniors, at the top and 54, or 25.7 percent of Dickenson seniors, at the bottom. Dickenson seniors selected brothers and sisters more often than seniors in the other counties. Among the schools, fathers were selected most often by seniors at Irvinton in Dickenson County, 15, or 35.7 percent, and least often by seniors at Council in Buchanan County, 7, or 16.7 percent. Mothers were selected most often by seniors at Hurley in Buchanan County, 14, or 36.8 percent, and least often by seniors at Graham in Tazewell County, 26, or 23.0 percent.

Table 22

## Significant People Who Influenced Seniors' Educational Aspirations

Person	Buchanan		Dickenson		Russell		Tazewell		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Father	73	23.2	48	22.9	74	23.9	120	23.7	315	23.5
Mother	86	27.3	54	25.7	97	31.4	134	26.5	371	27.7
Brother	9	2.9	9	4.3	8	2.6	11	2.2	37	2.8
Sister	9	2.9	10	4.8	7	2.3	11	2.2	37	2.8
Relative	9	2.9	7	3.3	12	3.9	19	3.8	47	3.5
Principal	1	0.3	5	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.4
Teacher	20	6.3	6	2.9	18	5.8	27	5.3	71	5.3
Guidance Counselor	6	1.9	6	2.9	4	1.3	12	2.4	28	2.1
Friends	31	9.8	15	7.1	25	8.1	40	7.9	111	8.3
Other	57	18.1	43	20.5	58	18.7	119	23.5	277	20.6
No Response	0	0.0	7	3.3	6	1.9	13	2.6	40	3.0
Total	315	100.0	210	100.0	309	100.0	506	100.0	1,340	100.0



The guidance counselor was not selected at all at five schools including Council, Hurley, Whitewood, Castlewood, and Pocahontas. The principal was selected by seniors at only two schools, Garden and Haysi. Teachers were selected most often by seniors at Graham, 11, or 9.7 percent, and least often by seniors at Hurley.

### HYPOTHESES

Parametric statistics were used to test the hypotheses of this study. The .05 level of significance was selected for all hypotheses when the study was designed prior to the collection of data. This level of significance is acceptable to behavioral scientists. The tests of significance were analysis of variance and t-tests for hypotheses.

#### Hypotheses One and Two

Hypothesis one: there is no significant difference between senior male attitudes toward community colleges and senior male attitudes toward four-year colleges.

Hypothesis two: there is no significant difference between senior female attitudes toward community colleges and senior female attitudes toward four-year colleges.

These two hypotheses could not be tested as they were written. When the attitude statements were written, it was decided to make the comparison between community colleges and four-year colleges one of degree by using phrases such as "more than" and "greater than" written into each item. This technique did not alter the basic concept of the research or impede the feasibility of testing the other hypotheses.

Hypotheses Three, Four, Five,  
and Six

Hypothesis three: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' occupation.

Hypothesis four: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' occupation.

Hypothesis five: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' occupation.

Hypothesis six: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' occupation.

These hypotheses were tested by the statistical technique known as a multiple classification of analysis of variance. The test was applied to each of the counties to determine if there were significant differences within a county, and it was applied to the entire population to determine if there were significant differences.

Buchanan County. Table 23 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to three levels of occupations of fathers and mothers for Buchanan County. There were 125 males and 143 females. The levels of occupation were (1) high level (white collar); (2) low level (blue collar); (3) unemployed, for fathers; and (4) housewife, for mothers.

Table 24 shows the analysis of variance values for Buchanan County seniors for sex, levels of occupation for fathers and mothers, and interaction between sex and occupation. The F values were main effects, 1.495; sex, .053; fathers' occupation, 2.184; and interaction, 1.637. The significance level for each of these values was greater than .05. Therefore hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Buchanan County.

The F values for mothers were main effects, .843; sex, .057;

Table 23

Cell Means of Buchanan County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	27	53.926	11.773	11	48.273	12.634
Low Level (Blue Collar)	81	50.222	11.448	113	51.496	12.530
Unemployed	17	49.059	10.790	19	44.789	13.831
Mothers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	26	53.577	11.531	22	52.500	12.731
Low Level (Blue Collar)	9	52.778	9.563	14	49.214	13.869
Housewife	90	49.889	11.576	107	50.065	12.803
Total by Sex	125	50.864	11.463	143	50.357	12.839
Sex Not Reported	5	54.200	11.100	5	54.200	11.100
All Buchanan County Seniors	273	50.6593	12.1682	273	50.6593	12.1682

Table 24  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Buchanan County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	660.307	3	220.102	1.495	0.215
Sex	7.851	1	7.851	0.053	0.999
Fathers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Unemployed)	643.142	2	321.571	2.184	0.112
Interaction	481.942	2	240.971	1.637	0.195
Within	38,573.961	262	147.229		
Total	39,716.211	267	148.750		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	379.047	3	126.349	0.843	0.999
Sex	8.491	1	8.491	0.057	0.999
Mothers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Housewife)	361.882	2	180.941	1.207	0.301
Interaction	76.411	2	38.205	0.255	0.999
Within	39,260.750	262	149.850		
Total	39,716.211	267	148.750		

mothers' occupation, 1.207; and interaction, 2.555. The significance level of each of the F values was greater than .05. Therefore hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable.

An alternate classification scheme was used to group fathers' occupations according to whether they were (1) owners, (2) managers, or (3) laborers. Table 25 presents the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for this scheme.

Table 26 shows the analysis of variance F values for main effects, sex, levels of occupation for fathers and mothers, and interaction between sex and occupation. The F values were main effects, 1.823; sex, .093; fathers' occupation, 2.731; and interaction, .289. The significance level for each of these values was greater than .05. Therefore hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Buchanan County seniors.

The F values for mothers were main effects, .444; sex, .361; mothers' occupation, .393; interaction, 1.232. The significance level of each of the F values was greater than .05. Therefore hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable.

Dickenson County. Table 27 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for males and females according to three levels of occupations of fathers and mothers for Dickenson County. There were 88 males and 95 females. The levels of occupations were (1) high level (white collar); (2) low level (blue collar); (3) unemployed, for fathers; and (4) housewife, for mothers.

Table 28 shows the analysis of variance F values for Dickenson County seniors for sex, levels of occupation for fathers and mothers, and interaction between sex and occupation. The F values were main

Table 25

Cell Means of Buchanan County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupation by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
No Response	17	49.059	10.790	20	44.700	13.468
Owners	26	54.462	11.724	22	53.591	11.219
Managers	19	53.632	10.945	18	52.278	12.690
Laborers	63	49.032	11.422	83	50.446	12.899
Mothers' Occupation:						
No Response	91	49.923	11.516	107	50.065	12.803
Owners	6	55.167	4.916	3	57.667	14.468
Managers	5	47.200	11.367	9	53.778	14.788
Laborers	23	54.261	12.050	24	49.458	12.459
Total by Sex	125	50.864	11.643	143	50.357	12.839
Sex Not Reported	5	54.200	11.100	5	54.200	11.100
All Buchanan County Seniors	273	50.6593	12.1682	273	50.6593	12.1682

Table 26  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Buchanan County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	794.858	3	264.953	1.823	0.142
Sex	13.523	1	13.523	0.093	0.999
Fathers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	793.912	2	396.956	2.731	0.066
Interaction	84.061	2	42.030	0.289	0.999
Within	32,703.867	225	145.351		
Total	33,582.789	230	146.012		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	199.133	3	66.378	0.444	0.999
Sex	53.998	1	53.998	0.361	0.999
Mothers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	117.542	2	58.771	0.393	0.999
Interaction	368.459	2	184.229	1.232	0.298
Within	9,570.164	64	149.534		
Total	10,137.758	69	146.924		

Table 27

Cell Means of Dickenson County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	9	50.667	13.838	16	43.813	7.035
Low Level (Blue Collar)	69	48.928	11.284	69	45.609	11.058
Unemployed	10	49.800	10.675	10	43.200	9.378
Mothers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	12	51.167	10.321	23	45.087	11.066
Low Level (Blue Collar)	8	55.000	15.316	12	47.583	7.669
Housewife	68	48.176	10.957	60	44.533	10.492
Total by Sex	88	49.205	11.969	95	45.053	10.277
Sex Not Reported	5	40.800	5.933	5	40.800	5.933
All Dickenson County Seniors	188	46.8830	10.9182	188	46.8830	10.9182



Table 28  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Dickenson County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
<b>Fathers:</b>					
Main Effects	799.896	3	266.632	2.240	0.084
Sex	772.455	1	772.455	6.941	0.011
Fathers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Unemployed)	12.396	2	6.198	0.052	0.999
Interaction	95.942	2	47.971	0.403	0.999
Within	21,064.453	177	119.008		
Total	21,960.293	182	120.661		
<b>Mothers:</b>					
Main Effects	1183.426	3	394.475	3.374	0.020
Sex	894.666	1	894.666	7.653	0.006
Mothers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Housewife)	395.926	2	197.963	1.693	0.185
Interaction	83.892	2	41.946	0.359	0.999
Within	20,692.973	177	116.909		
Total	21,960.293	182	120.661		

2.240; sex, 6.941; fathers' occupation, .052; and interaction, .403. The  $F$  value for sex was significant at the .01 level. An inspection of the means in Table 29 revealed that males had a higher mean score, 49.205, than did females, 45.053.

The  $F$  values for fathers' occupation and for interaction were significant at the .99 level, which was far beyond the .05 level. Therefore, it was concluded that there was no significant difference according to levels of occupations or according to the interaction of sex and levels of occupations. The only significance was for sex. Therefore hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Dickenson County seniors.

The  $F$  values for mothers were main effects, 3.374; sex, 7.653; mothers' occupations, 1.693; and interaction, .359. The significance levels were .02 and .006 for main effects and for sex, respectively. The level of significance for mothers' occupation was .185 and for interaction, .999. The significance levels for these  $F$  values were .185 and .999, respectively. Therefore hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable.

The alternative classification scheme used to group fathers' occupations according to the categories (1) owners, (2) managers, and (3) laborers is presented in Table 29 which shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations.

Table 30 shows the analysis of variance  $F$  values which were main effects, 1.856; sex, 5.096; fathers' occupation, .288; and interaction, .833. Each  $F$  value was beyond the .05 level except for sex which was significant at .024. Therefore hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable.

Table 29

Cell Means of Dickenson County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
No Response	10	49.800	10.675	10	43.200	9.378
Owners	18	48.611	9.179	20	46.850	6.699
Managers	11	45.545	12.778	10	45.800	9.307
Laborers	49	50.122	12.038	55	44.600	11.698
Mothers' Occupation:						
No Response	68	48.176	10.957	60	44.533	10.492
Owners	6	45.667	12.565	5	45.200	9.731
Managers	4	55.750	8.500	8	42.875	6.512
Laborers	10	55.700	12.711	22	47.227	11.127
Total by Sex	88	49.205	11.369	95	45.053	10.277
Sex Not Reported	5	40.800	5.933	5	40.800	5.933
All Dickenson County Seniors	188	46.8830	10.9182	188	48.8830	10.9182

Table 30

Analysis of Variance F Values for Dickenson County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	675.198	3	225.066	1.856	0.138
Sex	615.052	1	618.052	5.096	0.024
Fathers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	69.908	2	34.954	.288	0.999
Interaction	201.970	2	100.985	.833	0.999
Within	19,041.406	157	121.283		
Total	19,918.578	162	122.954		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	901.298	3	300.433	2.567	0.064
Sex	717.990	1	717.990	6.134	0.016
Mothers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	320.184	2	160.092	1.368	.264
Interaction	218.183	2	109.092	.932	.999
Within	5,735.672	49	117.055		
Total	6,855.156	54	126.947		

The analysis of variance F values for mothers were as follows: main effects, 2.567; sex, 6.134; mothers' occupation, 1.368; and interaction, .932. Each of these values was higher than .05 except for sex which was significant at .016. Therefore hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable.

Russell County. Table 31 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for males and females according to three levels of occupations of fathers and mothers for Russell County. There were 132 males and 142 females. The levels of occupations were (1) high level (white collar); (2) low level (blue collar); (3) unemployed, for fathers; and (4) housewife, for mothers.

Table 32 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 3.639; sex, 10.275; fathers' occupation, .412; and interaction, .579. Significance levels were main effects, .013; sex, .002; fathers' occupation, .999; and interaction, .999. It was evident that there was no significance for levels of fathers' occupation or for two-way interaction between sex and fathers' occupation. Therefore hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

The analysis of variance F values for mothers were main effects, 3.414; sex, 9.755; mothers' occupation, .055; and interaction, 1.438. The significance levels were .018 for main effects, .002 for sex, .999 for mothers' occupation, and .238 for interaction. There was a significant difference in attitude scores according to sex, but not for levels of occupation of mothers or for interaction of sex and mothers' occupations. Therefore hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for Russell County Seniors.

Table 31

Cell Means of Russell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	21	50.905	14.785	24	44.875	11.176
Low Level (Blue Collar)	103	49.942	14.476	107	45.626	11.308
Unemployed	8	56.500	11.588	11	45.636	14.692
Mothers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	13	54.769	15.023	25	42.880	9.981
Low Level (Blue Collar)	31	50.871	10.629	24	46.167	11.173
Housewife	88	49.727	15.394	93	46.032	11.945
Total by Sex	132	50.492	14.359	142	45.500	11.485
Sex Not Reported	3	47.667	14.468	3	47.667	14.468
All Russell County Seniors	277	47.9025	13.1505	277	47.9025	13.1505

Table 32  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Russell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	1844.242	3	614.747	3.639	0.013
Sex	1735.625	1	1735.625	10.275	0.002
Fathers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Unemployed)	139.223	2	69.612	0.412	0.999
Interaction	195.592	2	97.796	0.579	0.999
Within	45,271.227	268	168.922		
Total	47,311.063	273	173.301		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	1723.523	3	574.511	3.414	0.018
Sex	1641.766	1	1641.766	9.755	0.002
Mothers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Housewife)	18.513	2	9.257	0.055	0.999
Interaction	483.881	2	241.940	1.438	0.238
Within	45,103.648	268	168.297		
Total	47,311.063	273	173.301		

The alternative classification scheme used to group fathers' occupations according to the categories (1) owners, (2) managers, and (3) laborers is presented in Table 33 which shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations.

Table 34 shows the analysis of variance F values which were as follows: main effects, 3.959; sex, 8.189; fathers' occupation, 1.836, and interaction, 1.211. The significance levels were as follows: main effects, .099; sex, .005; fathers' occupation, .159; and interaction, .300. Since there was significance at the .05 level only for sex, hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

The analysis of variance F values for mothers were main effects, 3.837; sex, 10.399; mothers' occupation, .646; and interaction, 1.032. Significance levels were main effects, .012; sex, .002; mothers' occupation, .999; interaction, .362. Since there was significance at the .05 level for sex only, hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

Tazewell County. Table 35 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for males and females according to three levels of occupations of fathers and mothers in Tazewell County. There were 228 males and 214 females. The levels of occupations were (1) high level (white collar); (2) low level (blue collar); (3) unemployed, for fathers; and (4) housewife, for mothers.

Table 36 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 2.303; sex, 3.295; fathers' occupation, 1.54; and interaction, .266. The significance levels were main effects, .075; sex, .067; fathers' occupation, .213; and interaction, .999. Since all



Table 33

Cell Means of Russell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
No Response	8	56.500	11.588	11	45.636	14.692
Owners	30	53.867	14.362	23	44.913	10.604
Managers	18	44.611	12.589	14	44.286	10.194
Laborers	76	49.921	14.659	94	45.809	11.629
Mothers' Occupation:						
No Response	88	49.727	15.394	93	46.032	11.945
Owners	3	60.000	19.079	3	44.000	5.568
Managers	3	49.000	7.810	5	50.600	14.605
Laborers	38	51.632	11.813	41	43.780	10.333
Total by Sex	132	50.492	14.359	142	45.500	11.485
Sex Not Reported	3	47.667	14.468	3	47.667	14.468
All Russell County Seniors	277	47.9025	13.1505	277	47.9025	13.1505

Table 34  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Russell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	1964.808	3	654.936	3.959	0.099
Sex	1354.729	1	1354.729	8.189	0.005
Fathers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	607.314	2	303.657	1.836	0.159
Interaction	400.558	2	200.279	1.211	0.300
Within	41,192.039	249	165.430		
Total	43,557.406	254	171.486		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	1481.879	3	493.960	3.837	0.012
Sex	1338.645	1	1338.645	10.399	0.00
Mothers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	166.373	2	83.186	0.646	0.999
Interaction	265.774	2	132.887	1.032	0.362
Within	11,198.941	87	128.723		
Total	12,946.598	92	140.724		

Table 35

Cell Means of Tazewell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	58	48.879	12.415	62	47.387	13.276
Low Level (Blue Collar)	154	52.097	12.706	126	49.135	14.734
Unemployed	16	49.000	6.261	26	48.808	14.091
Mothers' Occupation:						
High Level (White Collar)	58	51.948	12.845	62	50.565	12.025
Low Level (Blue Collar)	33	50.030	12.274	24	44.667	14.181
Housewife	137	50.934	12.210	128	48.367	15.089
Total by Sex	228	51.061	12.343	214	48.589	14.205
Sex Not Reported	4	45.500	4.041	4	45.500	4.041
All Tazewell County Seniors	446	49.8251	13.2701	446	49.8251	13.2701

Table 36  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Tazewell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	1218.753	3	406.251	2.303	0.075
Sex	581.323	1	581.323	3.295	0.067
Fathers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Unemployed)	543.856	2	271.928	1.541	0.213
Interaction	93.964	2	46.982	0.266	0.999
Within	76,921.688	436	176.426		
Total	78,234.438	441	177.402		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	1224.772	3	408.257	2.316	0.074
Sex	742.674	1	742.674	4.213	0.038
Mothers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Housewife)	549.875	2	274.938	1.560	0.210
Interaction	150.522	2	75.261	0.427	0.999
Within	76,859.125	436	176.282		
Total	78,234.438	441	177.402		

significance levels exceeded .05, hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Analysis of variance F values for mothers' occupation were main effects, 2.316; sex, 4.213; mothers' occupation, 1.560; and interaction, 0.427. The significance levels were main effects, .074; sex, .038; mothers' occupation, .210; and interaction, .999. Since there was significance only for sex at the .05 level, hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

The alternative classification scheme used to group fathers' occupations according to the categories (1) owners, (2) managers, and (3) laborers is presented in Table 37, which shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations.

Table 38 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 1.945; sex, 3.979; fathers' occupation, .971; and interaction, .872. The levels of significance were main effects, .120; sex, .044; fathers' occupation, .999; and interaction, .999. Since there was significance only for sex at the .05 level, hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Analysis of variance F values for mothers' occupation were as follows: main effects, .489; sex, 1.435; mothers' occupation, .001; and interaction, .710. Since there was no significance for any independent variable, hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Entire population. Table 39 shows the analysis of variance F values for all seniors by fathers' and mothers' occupations grouped as (1) white collar, (2) blue collar, (3) unemployed (fathers), and housewife (mothers). The F values for fathers' occupations by sex were main

Table 37

Cell Means of Tazewell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Occupations by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Occupation:						
No Response	16	49.000	6.261	26	48.808	14.091
Owners	35	51.429	11.335	36	52.056	16.278
Managers	50	52.460	11.440	37	47.405	11.514
Laborers	127	50.669	13.518	115	47.835	14.332
Mothers' Occupation:						
No Response	137	50.934	12.210	128	48.367	15.089
Owners	9	53.111	13.337	7	46.714	7.205
Managers	17	49.471	13.323	10	52.200	11.223
Laborers	65	51.462	12.470	69	48.667	13.535
Total by Sex	228	51.061	12.343	214	48.589	14.205
Sex Not Reported	4	45.500	4.041	4	45.500	4.041
All Tazewell County Seniors	446	49.8251	13.2701	446	49.8251	13.2701

Table 38

Analysis of Variance F Values for Tazewell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	1055.367	3	351.789	1.945	0.120
Sex	719.719	1	719.719	3.979	0.044
Fathers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	315.182	2	175.591	0.971	0.999
Interaction	315.435	2	157.718	0.872	0.999
Within	71,267.688	394	180.882		
Total	72,638.500	399	182.051		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	241.342	3	80.447	0.489	0.999
Sex	235.947	1	235.947	1.435	0.231
Mothers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	0.452	2	0.226	0.001	0.999
Interaction	233.514	2	116.757	0.710	0.999
Within	28,117.313	171	164.429		
Total	28,592.172	176	162.456		

Table 39  
Analysis of Variance F Values for All Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	2712.336	3	904.112	5.634	.001
Sex	2406.349	1	2406.349	14.995	.001
Fathers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Unemployed)	273.678	2	136.839	.853	.999
Interaction	188.684	2	94.342	.588	.999
Within	186,318.063	1161	160.481		
Total	189,219.125	1166	162.281		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	2967.251	3	989.083	6.175	.001
Sex	2223.543	1	2523.543	15.755	.001
Mothers' Occupation					
(White Collar, Blue Collar, Housewife)	528.594	2	264.297	1.650	.190
Interaction	291.134	2	145.567	.909	.999
Within	185,960.688	1161	160.173		
Total	189,219.125	1166	162.173		



effects, 5.634; sex, 14.995; fathers' occupation, .855; and interaction, .588. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; fathers' occupation, .999; and interaction, .999. Since the fathers' occupation was not significant at the .05 level, hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

The F values for mothers' occupations by sex were main effects, 6.175; sex, 15.755; mothers' occupation, 1.650; and interaction, .909. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; mothers' occupation, .190; and interaction, .999. Since mothers' occupation was significant only at the .190 level, hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

Table 40 shows the analysis of variance F values for all seniors by fathers' and mothers' occupations grouped by (1) owner, (2) manager, and (3) laborer. The F values for fathers' occupations by sex were main effects, 5.755; sex, 11.500; fathers' occupation, 2.626; and interaction, .001. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; fathers' occupation, .071; and interaction, .999. Since fathers' occupation was significant at .071, hypotheses three and five were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

The F values for mothers' occupation by sex were main effects, 3.971; sex, 11.702; mothers' occupation, .035; and interaction, 1.160. Significance levels were main effects, .008; sex, .001; mothers' occupation, .999; and interaction, .315. Since mothers' occupation was significant at .999, hypotheses four and six were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

Table 40  
Analysis of Variance F Values for All Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Occupations by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	2802.775	3	934.258	5.755	.001
Sex	1866.802	1	1866.802	11.500	.001
Fathers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	852.648	2	426.324	2.626	.071
Interaction	.186	2	.093	.001	.999
Within	169,305.500	1043	162.326		
Total	172,108.500	1058	164.226		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	1754.097	3	584.699	3.971	.008
Sex	1722.947	1	1722.947	11.702	.001
Mothers' Occupation (Owner, Manager, Laborer)	10.328	2	5.164	.035	.999
Interaction	341.557	2	170.779	1.160	.315
Within	57,272.563	389	147.230		
Total	59,368.219	394	150.681		

Hypotheses Seven, Eight  
Nine, and Ten

Hypothesis seven: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' education.

Hypothesis eight: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' education.

Hypothesis nine: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' education.

Hypothesis ten: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' education.

Seniors reported educational levels of fathers and mothers according to an eleven-factor scale ranging from "received a graduate school degree" at the top to "completed less than seven grades" at the bottom. The categories were grouped to form three levels (1) high level, which included all seven categories of education beyond the high-school diploma; (2) medium level, a high-school diploma; and (3) low level, all three categories below the high-school diploma.

Buchanan County. Table 41 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to three levels of education of fathers and mothers. There were 125 males and 143 females.

Table 42 shows the analysis of variance F values for fathers' education, which were main effects, .652; sex, .088; fathers' education, .878; and interaction, .602. The significance levels were .999 for each independent variable. Therefore hypotheses seven and nine were accepted as tenable for Buchanan County seniors.

The analysis of variance F values for mothers' education were

Table 41

Cell Means of Buchanan County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Education by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Education:						
No Response	2	37.500	20.506	5	49.000	16.688
High Level	23	54.870	13.140	14	50.500	16.640
Medium Level	17	49.059	11.798	16	50.750	10.129
Low Level	83	50.446	10.506	107	50.346	12.717
Mothers' Education:						
No Response	5	47.600	15.614	4	47.500	18.735
High Level	28	56.821	11.235	15	49.400	13.282
Medium Level	23	47.913	10.664	30	52.000	11.185
Low Level	69	49.667	10.888	94	50.106	13.167
Total by Sex	125	50.864	11.463	143	50.357	12.839
Sex Not Reported	5	54.200	11.100	5	54.200	11.100
All Buchanan County Seniors	273	50.6593	12.1682	273	50.6593	12.1682

Table 42  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Buchanan County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Education by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	287.620	3	95.873	0.652	0.999
Sex	12.987	1	12.987	0.088	0.999
Fathers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	258.309	2	129.153	0.878	0.999
Interaction	177.216	2	88.608	0.602	0.999
Within	37,356.332	254	147.072		
Total	37,821.172	259	146.028		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	647.630	3	215.877	1.509	0.211
Sex	0.051	1	0.051	0.000	0.999
Mothers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	627.354	2	313.677	2.193	0.111
Interaction	763.089	2	381.545	2.667	0.070
Within	36,191.332	253	143.049		
Total	37,602.055	258	145.744		

main effects, 1.509; sex, .000; mothers' education, 2.193; and interaction, 2.667. The levels of significance exceeded .05 for each of the independent variables. Therefore hypotheses eight and ten were accepted as tenable for Buchanan County seniors.

Dickenson County. Table 43 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to three levels of education of fathers and mothers. There were 88 males and 95 females.

Table 44 shows the analysis of variance F values for fathers' education, which were main effects, 1.958; sex, 5.706; fathers' education, .015; and interaction, .598. The significance levels were main effects, .120; sex, .017; fathers' education, .999; and interaction, .999. Only sex was significant at the .05 level; therefore, hypotheses seven and nine were accepted as tenable.

Analysis of variance F values for mothers' education were main effects, 3.101; sex, 6.461; mothers' education, 1.357; and interaction, 2.230. The significance levels were main effects, .028; sex, .012; mothers' education, .259; and interaction, .108. Sex was the only independent variable significant at the .05 level; therefore, hypotheses eight and ten were accepted as tenable for Dickenson County seniors.

Russell County. Table 45 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to three levels of education of fathers and mothers. There were 132 males and 142 females.

Table 46 shows the analysis of variance F values for fathers' education which were main effects, 4.140; sex, 10.999; fathers' education, .755; and interaction, .100. The significance levels were main

Table 43

Cell Means of Dickenson County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Education by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Education:						
No Response	1	59.000	0.0	1	34.000	0.0
High Level	19	47.316	11.171	17	46.882	7.777
Medium Level	16	49.375	12.010	11	45.545	12.078
Low Level	52	49.654	11.427	66	44.667	10.605
Mothers' Education:						
No Response	4	48.250	8.694	2	47.500	4.950
High Level	16	46.188	12.117	17	48.941	10.738
Medium Level	20	53.100	9.722	21	45.667	10.725
Low Level	48	48.667	11.808	55	43.530	10.044
Total by Sex	88	49.205	11.369	95	45.053	10.277
Sex Not Reported	5	40.800	5.933	5	40.800	5.933
All Dickenson County Seniors	188	46.8830	10.9182	188	46.8830	10.9182

Table 44  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Dickenson County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Education by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	698.420	3	232.807	1.958	0.120
Sex	678.435	1	678.435	5.706	0.017
Fathers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	3.530	2	1.765	0.015	0.999
Interaction	142.257	2	71.129	0.598	0.999
Within	20,806.492	175	118.894		
Total	21,647.172	180	120.262		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	1096.970	3	365.656	3.101	0.028
Sex	761.711	1	761.711	6.461	0.012
Mothers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	320.018	2	160.009	1.357	0.259
Interaction	525.864	2	262.932	2.230	0.108
Within	20,043.453	170	117.903		
Total	21,666.289	175	123.807		



Table 45

Cell Means of Russell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Education by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Education:						
No Response	3	55.000	4.359	3	62.333	4.726
High Level	31	48.903	13.600	25	44.120	11.103
Medium Level	22	48.636	11.850	30	44.533	13.122
Low Level	76	51.500	15.570	84	45.655	10.796
Mothers' Education:						
No Response	1	55.000	0.0	5	52.400	17.785
High Level	22	52.500	12.243	28	46.571	11.692
Medium Level	40	48.850	13.757	42	44.381	11.378
Low Level	69	50.739	15.463	67	45.239	11.014
Total by Sex	132	50.492	14.359	142	45.500	11.485
Sex Not Reported	3	47.667	14.468	3	47.667	14.468
All Russell County Seniors	277	47.9025	13.1505	277	47.9025	13.1505

Table 46  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Russell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Education by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	2100.150	3	700.050	4.140	0.007
Sex	1859.821	1	1859.821	10.999	0.001
Fathers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	255.404	2	127.702	0.755	0.999
Interaction	33.741	2	16.870	0.100	0.999
Within	44,303.375	262	169.097		
Total	46,437.270	267	173.922		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	2078.553	3	692.851	4.145	0.007
Sex	1850.306	1	1850.306	11.070	0.001
Mothers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	260.938	2	130.469	0.781	0.999
Interaction	20.284	2	10.142	0.061	0.999
Within	43,792.379	262	167.146		
Total	45,891.219	267	171.877		

effects, .007; sex, .001; fathers' education, .999; and interaction, .999. Since the independent variable "fathers' education" was not significant at the .05 level, hypotheses seven and nine were accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

Analysis of variance F values for mothers' education were main effects, 4.145; sex, 11.070; mothers' education, .781; and interaction, .061. The significance levels were main effects, .007; sex, .001; mothers' education, .999; and interaction, .999. Since the independent variable "mothers' education" was not significant at the .05 level, hypotheses eight and ten were accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

Tazewell County. Table 47 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to three levels of education of fathers and mothers. There were 228 males and 214 females.

Table 48 shows the analysis of variance F values for fathers' education, which were main effects, 1.938; sex, 3.562; fathers' education, 1.028; and interaction, .284. The significance levels were main effects, .121; sex, .057; fathers' education, .360; and interaction, .999. The independent variable "fathers' education" was not significant at the .05 level; therefore, hypotheses seven and nine were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Analysis of variance F values for mothers' education were main effects, 1.233; sex, 3.338; mothers' education, .187; and interaction, .116. The significance levels were main effects, .297; sex, .065; mothers' education, .999; and interaction, .999. The independent variable "mothers' education" was not significant at the .05 level;

Table 47

Cell Means of Tazewell County Seniors by Three Levels  
of Fathers' and Mothers' Education by Sex

	Males			Females		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.
Fathers' Education:						
No Response	3	54.333	13.577	7	52.857	12.020
High Level	70	51.700	12.523	58	50.638	13.976
Medium Level	52	50.962	13.312	52	47.308	10.988
Low Level	103	50.580	11.728	97	47.742	15.908
Mothers' Education:						
No Response	7	57.000	9.504	9	52.222	14.839
High Level	52	51.962	12.828	48	48.563	16.144
Medium Level	77	50.416	12.491	76	48.671	13.644
Low Level	92	50.640	12.054	81	48.120	13.717
Total by Sex	228	51.061	12.343	214	48.589	14.205
Sex Not Reported	4	45.000	4.041	4	45.000	4.041
All Tazewell County Seniors	446	49.8251	13.2701	446	49.8251	13.2701

Table 48  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Tazewell County Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Education by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	1030.682	3	343.561	1.938	0.121
Sex	631.308	1	631.308	3.562	0.057
Fathers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	364.425	2	182.213	1.028	0.360
Interaction	100.704	3	50.352	0.284	0.999
Within	75,333.125	425	177.254		
Total	76,464.563	430	177.825		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	658.452	3	219.484	1.233	0.297
Sex	594.141	1	594.141	3.338	0.065
Mothers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	66.530	2	33.265	0.187	0.999
Interaction	41.456	2	20.728	0.116	0.999
Within	74,400.000	418	177.990		
Total	75,099.938	423	177.541		

therefore, hypotheses eight and ten were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Entire population. Table 49 shows the analysis of variance F values for all seniors by fathers' and mothers' education grouped by three categories (1) high, (2) medium, and (3) low. The F values for fathers' education by sex were main effects, 5.731; sex, 15.201; fathers' education, .726; and interaction, .075. Significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; fathers' education, .999; and interaction, .999. Since fathers' education was significant at the .999 level, hypotheses seven and nine were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

The F values for mothers' education by sex were main effects, 6.005; sex, 14.554; mothers' education, 1.526; and interaction, .466. Significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; mothers' education, .216; and interaction, .999. Since mothers' education was significant at .216, hypotheses eight and ten were accepted as tenable for the entire population.

#### Hypotheses Eleven and Twelve

Hypothesis eleven: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females among the counties of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District.

Hypothesis twelve: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the social sub-scale.

Table 50 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations by sex and county.

Table 51 shows the analysis of variance F values by sex by

Table 49

Analysis of Variance F Values for All Seniors  
by Three Levels of Fathers' and Mothers'  
Education by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Fathers:					
Main Effects	2755.375	3	918.458	5.731	.001
Sex	2436.207	1	2436.207	15.201	.001
Fathers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	232.799	2	116.399	.726	.999
Interaction	24.014	2	12.007	.075	.999
Within	181,742.375	1134	160.267		
Total	184,521.813	1139	162.003		
Mothers:					
Main Effects	2879.937	3	959.979	6.005	.001
Sex	2326.632	1	2326.632	14.554	.001
Mothers' Education (High, Medium, Low)	487.831	2	243.915	1.526	.216
Interaction	142.696	2	71.348	0.466	.999
Within	179,200.063	1121	159.857		
Total	182,222.750	1126	161.832		

Table 50

## Cell Means for All Seniors by Sex by County

	N	Mean	S.D.
All Senior Males:	643	50.602	12.438
Buchanan	145	50.566	11.125
Dickenson	104	49.500	12.251
Russell	144	50.236	14.025
Tazewell	250	51.292	12.296
All Senior Females:	675	47.910	12.800
Buchanan	163	49.853	13.706
Dickenson	100	45.410	10.250
Russell	162	46.000	11.187
Tazewell	250	48.880	13.794
Sex Not Reported	22	49.500	10.992
Total	1,340	49.2276	12.6619



Table 51  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Seniors  
by Sex by County

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	4126.199	4	1031.550	6.516	0.001
Sex	2395.185	1	2395.185	15.130	.001
County	1739.382	3	579.794	3.662	.012
Interaction	591.823	3	197.274	1.246	0.291
Within	207,388.250	1310	158.312		
Total	212,106.313	1317	161.053		

county, which were main effects, 6.516; sex, 15.130; county, 3.662; and interaction, 1.246. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; county, .012; and interaction, .291. There was significance below the .05 level for sex and county.

To verify these results by county, a t-test was calculated between males and females for each county and between males and females for the entire population.

Table 52 shows the t values which were: Buchanan, .50; Dickenson, 2.58; Russell, 2.93; Tazewell, 2.06; and total population, 3.87. The significance levels were Buchanan, .619; Dickenson, .011; Russell, .004; Tazewell, .040; and total population, .000. Since the F values for counties were significant at the .05 level except for Buchanan, hypotheses eleven and twelve were rejected as not tenable for all counties except for Buchanan. For the entire population, hypotheses eleven and twelve were rejected as not tenable for all senior males and females.

### Hypothesis Thirteen

Hypothesis thirteen: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the economic sub-scale.

As stated in chapter three, the economic sub-scale had a reliability coefficient of .67 on the full test. The standard for the acceptance or rejecting of the scale was set at .70 as recommended by James Bruning and B. L. Kintz. Therefore, the economic scale was rejected and not used in this study. Hypothesis thirteen could not be measured since data were not collected.

Table 52  
t Values by Subject Type, Sex, and County

County	Males versus Females			Males versus Teachers			Females versus Teachers		
	df	t	Significance Level	df	t	Significance Level	df	t	Significance Level
Buchanan	306	.50	.619	221	3.88	.000	239	3.83	.000
Dickenson	202	2.58	.011	129	2.45	.016	125	1.19	.238
Russell	304	2.93	.004	196	2.81	.005	214	5.37	.000
Tazewell	498	2.06	.040	321	.59	.556	321	1.85	.065
Total	1,316	3.87	.000	873	3.06	.002	905	5.64	.000

#### Hypotheses Fourteen and Fifteen

Hypothesis fourteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior males and attitudes of their teachers.

Hypothesis fifteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior females and the attitudes of their teachers.

Table 50 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and senior females. Table 53 presents the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for teachers.

Table 52 shows the  $t$  values and significance levels for seniors and teachers by counties and for the entire population.

Buchanan County. The  $t$  values were males versus teachers, 3.88, significant at .000; females versus teachers, 3.83; significant at .000. Therefore, hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were rejected as not tenable for Buchanan County seniors and teachers.

Dickenson County. The  $t$  values were males versus teachers, 2.45, significant at .016; females versus teachers, 1.19, significant at .238. Therefore, hypothesis fourteen was rejected as not tenable for Dickenson County males versus teachers, but hypothesis fifteen was accepted as tenable for Dickenson County females versus teachers.

Russell County. The  $t$  values were males versus teachers, 2.81, significant at .005; and females versus teachers, 5.37, significant at .000. Therefore, hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were rejected as not tenable for Russell County seniors versus teachers.

Table 53  
Teacher Respondents' Means and Standard Deviations  
by County

County	N	Mean	S.D.
Buchanan	78	56.808	12.038
Dickenson	27	42.185	18.829
Russell	54	56.963	17.351
Tazewell	73	52.288	14.055

Tazewell County. The  $t$  values were males versus teachers, .59. significant at .556; and females versus teachers, 1.85; significant at .065. Therefore, hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors versus teachers.

Entire population. The  $t$  values were males versus teachers, 3.06, significant at .002; and females versus teachers, 5.64, significant at .000. Therefore, hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were rejected as not tenable for all seniors versus all teachers in the population of this study.

#### Hypothesis Sixteen

The sixteenth hypothesis stated that there was no significant relationship between the "expected educational level to be attained" and the "stated amount of education that should be attained."

Seniors were asked to indicate how much education they intended to get and to indicate how much education they thought today's senior should get for tomorrow's world. Responses were recorded on a six-factor scale from "received a graduate school degree" at the top to "received a high school diploma" at the bottom. A Pearson product moment correlation coefficient was calculated to determine if there were a significant relationship.

Table 54 shows the  $r$  values for males and females by county and total population. All  $r$ 's were significant at the .05 level. Therefore, hypothesis fifteen was rejected as not tenable for each of the counties by sex, and it also was rejected as not tenable for all seniors in the population.

Table 54

Correlation of Expected Education with Level of Education  
That Should Be Achieved by Sex by County

County	Males			Females		
	N	r	Significance	N	r	Significance
Buchanan	145	.2006	.008	163	.2966	.001
Dickenson	104	.2012	.020	100	.2771	.003
Russell	144	.2672	.001	162	.3349	.001
Tazewell	250	.4269	.001	250	.2525	.001
Total	643	.3013	.001	675	.2874	.001

### Hypothesis Seventeen

Hypothesis seventeen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of seniors who plan to attend college and the attitudes of seniors who do not plan to attend college.

Seniors indicated their post-high school plans by responding to a nine-factor scale with these categories: (1) attend a two-year college, (2) attend a four-year college, (3) attend other type of post-secondary school, (4) enter military service, (5) get a job, (6) travel, (7) get married (no outside job), (8) no definite plans, and (9) do not know.

The scale was dichotomized for summary and comparative purposes. Categories one and two were grouped to categorize seniors who planned to attend college, and categories three through nine were grouped to form the category of seniors not planning to attend college.

Table 55 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for seniors by categories.

Table 56 shows the analysis of variance F values for seniors by plans by sex, which were main effects, 15.034; sex, 17.365; plans, 14.573; and interaction, 26.645. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; plans, .001; and interaction, .999. Since there was significance for main effects, sex, and plans, hypothesis seventeen was rejected as not tenable.

### Hypothesis Eighteen

Hypothesis eighteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior males and senior females according to family size as measured by the number of siblings.



Table 55

Mean, Standard Deviations and t Values for  
Seniors by Plans

	N	Mean	SD	df	t	Significance Level
Plans-- Attend community college or four- year college	445	51.038	13.420			
Plans-- Do not plan to attend community college or four- year college	845	48.370	12.302	1288	3.59	.000
Total	1290	49.2907	12.7566			

Table 56  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Seniors  
by Plans by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	4801.074	2	2400.537	15.034	.001
Sex	2772.771	1	2772.771	17.365	.001
Plans	2326.926	1	2326.926	14.573	.001
Interaction	26.645	1	26.645	.167	.999
Within SS	202785.250	1270	159.673		
Total SS	207613.000	1273	163.090		

Seniors indicated how many brothers and sisters they had when they completed the biographical data form. The number of siblings was grouped by four levels: (1) no siblings, (2) one or two siblings, (3) three or four siblings, and (4) five or more siblings.

Buchanan County. Table 57 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to four levels of siblings. There were 145 males and 163 females.

Table 58 presents the analysis of variance F values for siblings by sex which were main effects, 1.194; sex, .093; siblings, 1.510; interaction, .305. The significance levels of each independent variable was greater than .05; therefore, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for Buchanan County seniors.

Dickenson County. Table 59 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to four levels of siblings. There were 104 males and 100 females.

Table 60 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 2.461; sex, 5.785; siblings, 1.074; and interaction, .553. The significance levels were main effects, .046; sex, .016; siblings, .362; and interaction, .999. Since the level of significance for siblings exceeded the .05 level, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for Dickenson County seniors.

Russell County. Table 61 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to four levels of siblings. There were 144 males and 162 females.

Table 62 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 2.396; sex, 8.693; siblings, .325; and interaction, 1.656.

Table 57

Cell Means for Buchanan County Seniors by Sex by Siblings

Siblings	Sex				Main Effects	
	Male		Female			
	#	Mean	#	Mean	#	Mean
No Siblings	14	54.500	8	56.750	22	55.318
One or Two Siblings	50	51.460	58	49.879	108	50.611
Three or Four Siblings	46	49.957	43	48.698	89	49.351
Five or More Siblings	35	48.514	54	49.722	89	49.247
Main Effects	145	50.566	163	49.853	308	50.189

All Seniors: Mean = 50.2762, N = 315

(which includes Sex Not Reported: N = 7, Mean = 54.143, S.D. = 9.353)

Table 58  
 Analysis of Variance F Values for Buchanan County Seniors  
 by Four Levels of Siblings

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	754.527	4	188.632	1.194	0.313
Sex	14.718	1	14.718	0.093	0.999
Siblings	715.548	3	238.516	1.510	0.211
Interaction	144.376	3	48.125	0.305	0.999
Within	47,397.645	300	157.992		
Total	48,296.551	307	157.318		

Table 59

## Cell Means for Dickenson County Seniors by Sex by Siblings

Siblings	Sex				Main Effects	
	Male		Female			
	#	Mean	#	Mean	#	Mean
No Siblings	3	46.000	5	45.400	8	45.625
One or Two Siblings	38	51.789	29	47.000	67	49.716
Three or Four Siblings	28	49.214	32	43.156	60	45.983
Five or More Siblings	35	47.543	34	46.176	69	46.869
Main Effects	104	49.500	100	45.410	204	47.495

All Seniors: Mean = 47.338, N = 210

(which includes Sex Not Reported: N = 6, Mean = 42.000)

Table 60  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Dickenson County Seniors  
by Four Levels of Siblings

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	1267.401	4	316.850	2.461	0.046
Sex	744.701	1	744.701	5.785	0.016
Siblings	414.613	3	138.204	1.074	0.362
Interaction	213.514	3	71.171	0.553	0.999
Within	25,229.742	196	128.723		
Total	26,710.660	203	131.580		

Table 61

## Cell Means for Russell County Seniors by Sex by Siblings

Siblings	Sex				Main Effects	
	Male		Female			
	#	Mean	#	Mean	#	Mean
No Siblings	12	55.250	8	40.125	20	49.200
One or Two Siblings	54	51.315	70	46.529	124	48.613
Three or Four Siblings	44	49.500	44	45.455	88	47.478
Five or More Siblings	34	47.706	40	46.850	74	47.243
Main Effects	144	50.236	162	46.000	306	47.993

All Seniors: Mean = 47.9903, N = 309

(which includes Sex Not Reported: N = 3, Mean = 47.667, S.D. = 14.468)



Table 62  
Analysis of Variance F Values for Russell County Seniors  
by Four Levels of Siblings

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	1522.619	4	380.655	2.396	0.050
Sex	1380.842	1	1380.842	8.693	0.004
Siblings	154.636	3	51.545	0.325	0.999
Interaction	788.918	3	262.972	1.656	0.175
Within	47,333.883	298	158.839		
Total	49,645.422	305	162.772		

The significance levels were main effects, .050; sex, .004; siblings, .999; and interaction, .175. Since the significance level for siblings exceeded the .05 level, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for Russell County seniors.

Tazewell County. Table 63 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for senior males and females according to four levels of siblings. There were 250 males and 250 females.

Table 64 shows the analysis of variance F values which were main effects, 1.676; sex, 4.053; siblings, .814; and interaction, 1.314. Only sex was significant at the .05 level; therefore, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for Tazewell County seniors.

Entire population. Table 65 shows the number of subjects, mean scores, and standard deviations for all senior males and females according to four levels of siblings.

Table 66 shows the analysis of variance F values for all seniors in the population which were main effects, 5.271; sex, 14.395; siblings, 2.027; and interaction, .790. The significance levels were main effects, .001; sex, .001; siblings, .107; and interaction, .999. Since the significance level for siblings exceeded the .05 level, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for all seniors in the population of the study.

Table 63

Cell Means for Tazewell County Seniors by Sex by Siblings

Siblings	Sex				Main Effects	
	Male		Female			
	#	Mean	#	Mean	#	Mean
No Siblings	19	50.368	16	46.313	35	48.514
One or Two Siblings	110	52.536	97	49.598	207	51.159
Three or Four Siblings	75	48.787	79	49.620	154	49.214
Five or More Siblings	46	52.783	58	47.379	104	49.769
Main Effects	250	51.292	250	48.880	500	50.086

All Seniors: Mean = 50.115, N = 506  
 (which includes Sex Not Reported: N = 6, Mean = 52.500)

Table 64

Analysis of Variance F Values for Tazewell County Seniors  
by Four Levels of Siblings

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	1143.890	4	285.972	1.676	0.153
Sex	691.445	1	691.445	4.053	0.042
Siblings	416.672	3	138.891	0.814	0.999
Interaction	672.220	3	224.073	1.314	0.268
Within	83,928.688	492	170.587		
Total	85,744.813	499	171.833		

Table 65

## Cell Means for All Seniors by Sex by Siblings

Sibling	Male		Female		Main Effects	
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
No Sibling	48	52.5208	37	47.1081	85	50.1647
One or Two Siblings	252	51.9484	254	48.5197	506	50.2273
Three or Four Siblings	193	49.2901	198	47.4495	391	48.3580
Five or More Siblings	150	49.4133	186	47.7258	336	48.4792
Main Effects	643	50.6018	675	47.9096	1,318	49.2231

Table 66  
Analysis of Variance F Values for All Seniors  
by Number of Siblings by Sex

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	Significance Level
Main Effects	3353.856	4	838.464	5.271	.001
Sex	2289.736	1	2289.736	14.395	.001
Siblings	967.039	3	322.346	2.027	.107
Interaction	377.082	3	125.694	0.790	.999
Within	208,375.375	1310	159.065		
Total	212,106.313	1317	161.053		

## Chapter 5

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### SUMMARY

The problem of this research was to analyze the attitudes of high school seniors toward four-year colleges and community colleges to see if there were significant differences according to (1) sex, (2) fathers' and mothers' educational levels, (3) fathers' and mothers' occupational levels, (4) teachers' attitudes, (5) post-high school plans, (6) number of siblings, and (7) county of residence.

The population for the study included 1,573 high school seniors and 232 teachers of high school seniors in the fifteen high schools of four counties, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell, which constituted Planning District Number 2 in Virginia, known as the Cumberland Plateau Planning District. Data were collected for 1,340 seniors and 232 teachers.

An attitudinal instrument was developed and validated to collect data for the testing of eighteen hypotheses. (See Appendix A for instrument and validation data.)

Analyses of the data were presented according to two broad categories: (1) biographical data, and (2) hypotheses testing.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Educational Levels of Fathers and Mothers

The data showed that educational levels of fathers and mothers were low with 49.1 percent of mothers and 56.9 percent of fathers with less than a high school diploma. Only 18.6 percent of mothers and 21.1 percent of fathers had more than a high school diploma. In general, mothers had more education than fathers. Among the counties, Tazewell mothers and fathers had more education than mothers and fathers in the other three counties, and Buchanan mothers and fathers had less education than mothers and fathers in the other three counties.

When fathers and mothers were grouped according to three levels of education, "high level" (everything beyond a high school diploma), "medium level" (a high school diploma), and "low level" (everything below a high school diploma), slightly more than one-fifth of fathers and a little less than one-fifth of mothers were in the high level. There were considerably more mothers than fathers in the medium level, 28.1 percent to 18.6 percent; and more fathers than mothers, 57.4 percent to 49.3 percent, were in the low level. These data revealed that mothers had more education than fathers. This finding was consistent with data reported in the review of literature.

### Occupations of Fathers and Mothers

Grouping fathers and mothers by thirteen and fourteen occupational classifications respectively, indicated that 10.1 percent of fathers were unemployed and 61.5 percent of mothers were housewives. Over 50 percent of fathers in Buchanan and Dickenson were miners,



while only 38.2 percent of fathers were engaged in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. The largest group of employed mothers was the 6.2 percent in professional and related services, which probably was due to public education.

When classified by three levels of occupations as (1) owners, (2) managers, and (3) laborers, 52 percent of all fathers and 23.4 percent of all mothers were laborers; 13.9 percent of all fathers and 4.8 percent of mothers were managers; and 16.4 percent of all fathers and 3.4 percent of all mothers were owners. There were 17.5 percent of fathers in the category "other," which included unemployed fathers and those not reported in the categories of owner, manager, or laborer. There were 62.3 percent of mothers in the category "other," which included housewife, unemployed, and mothers not reported in the categories of owner, manager, or laborer.

The thirteen classifications of fathers' occupations and the fourteen classifications of mothers' occupations were grouped by three levels: (1) high level, or white collar; (2) low level, or blue collar; and (3) unemployed for fathers and housewife for mothers. In the low level there were 70.2 percent of fathers and 13.2 percent of mothers. In the high level there were 19.7 percent of fathers and 20.7 percent of mothers. Tazewell County had more fathers and mothers in high level occupations than any of the other three counties. Tazewell also had more working mothers than any of the other three counties.

#### Intended Occupations of Seniors

The largest group of seniors, 21.3 percent, planned to enter the professional and related services field, while 19.3 percent planned to enter mining. Business and repair services were selected by 10.7

percent; personal services, 8.8 percent; public administration, 7.1 percent; construction, 6.3 percent; and wholesale and retail trade, 5.1 percent. The field selected least often, entertainment and recreation services, was chosen by 2.6 percent of all seniors.

#### Level of Education Seniors Expect to Achieve

A total of 585, or 43.7 percent, of all seniors planned to pursue only the high school diploma. Buchanan County seniors and Dickenson County seniors appeared to have lower educational aspirations than seniors in Russell and Tazewell. More Tazewell seniors planned to pursue college degrees than did seniors in the other three counties. There were 109 seniors, or 8.1 percent, who expected to achieve a graduate school degree.

#### Levels of Education Seniors Report Should Be Achieved

Although only 285, or 21.3 percent, of seniors planned to pursue a college degree, 452, or 33.7 percent, reported that seniors should pursue a college degree. Only 207 seniors, or 15.4 percent, believed that a high school diploma would be adequate for tomorrow, while 585, or 43.7 percent, intended to pursue only a high school diploma. This indicated that seniors perceived that more education is needed than they intend to get.

#### Post-High School Plans of Seniors

More seniors (39.4 percent) planned to get jobs upon graduation than planned to attend a four-year college (17.5 percent) and/or attend a two-year college (15.7 percent). In Buchanan, Dickenson, and Tazewell,

more seniors planned to attend four-year colleges than planned to attend community colleges. However, in Russell County, more seniors planned to attend community colleges than planned to attend four-year colleges. Over 10 percent of seniors apparently did not know what they would do after graduation.

#### When Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans

A large group of seniors, 27.8 percent, reported that they had not yet decided what they would do after graduation. About 16.3 percent of seniors reported they decided before the eleventh grade, and the largest group, 41.7 percent, reported they decided while in their senior year. After grouping responses into two categories, it was evident that a relatively small number, 29.4 percent, decided before the twelfth grade, while the majority, 69.5 percent, decided after the eleventh grade. Buchanan and Dickenson County seniors appeared to take longer to decide than Russell or Tazewell County seniors.

#### People Who Influenced Seniors' Educational Aspirations

The mother was chosen more often (27.7 percent) than the father (23.5 percent) as the person who most influenced seniors' educational aspirations. The evidence clearly indicated that family members are far more influential than school personnel. It was also clear that seniors perceived the teacher as having more influence on educational plans than principals or guidance counselors.

### HYPOTHESES

Hypotheses were stated in the null and subjected to statistical tests for significance at the .05 level.

### Hypotheses One and Two

Hypothesis one: there is no significant difference between senior male attitudes toward community colleges and senior male attitudes toward four-year colleges.

Hypothesis two: there is no significant difference between senior female attitudes toward community colleges and senior female attitudes toward four-year colleges.

These two hypotheses could not be tested by the data collected.

### Hypotheses Three, Four, Five, and Six

Hypothesis three: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' occupation.

Hypothesis four: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' occupation.

Hypothesis five: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' occupation.

Hypothesis six: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' occupation.

These hypotheses were subjected to an analysis of variance for subjects in each of the counties. The .05 level of significance was used to accept or reject a hypothesis as tenable or untenable.

When fathers and mothers were grouped according to levels of occupation, that is (1) high level, or white collar; (2) low level, or blue collar; (3) unemployed for fathers; and (4) housewife for mothers, hypotheses three, four, five, and six were accepted as tenable for Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties because the significance levels of the F values exceeded the .05 level.

There were no significant differences among seniors in any of the counties according to levels of occupation or for interaction of levels of occupation and sex. However, there were significant differences for sex only among all the counties' seniors except for Buchanan County seniors (included both grouping schemes for fathers and mothers) and for Tazewell County seniors when grouped by fathers' occupational levels of high level, low level, and unemployed.

Hypotheses Seven, Eight,  
Nine, and Ten

Hypothesis seven: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of fathers' education.

Hypothesis eight: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males on measures of mothers' education.

Hypothesis nine: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of fathers' education.

Hypothesis ten: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior females on measures of mothers' education.

Mothers' and fathers' educational levels were grouped according to three levels: (1) high level (all levels above the high school diploma); (2) medium level (a high school diploma); and (3) low level (all levels below a high school diploma).

These hypotheses were tested for significance at the .05 level by an analysis of variance.

Since significance levels of the F values exceeded .05, hypotheses seven, eight, nine, and ten were accepted as tenable for Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell seniors.

### Hypotheses Eleven and Twelve

Hypothesis eleven: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females among the counties of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District.

Hypothesis twelve: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the social sub-scale.

These hypotheses were subjected to an analysis of variance and a t-test for all males and all females. Significance was set at the .05 level. The F value for analysis of variance showed significance for sex at .001, significance for counties at .012, and for main effects at .001. Interaction was not significant at the .05 level. On this basis, hypotheses eleven and twelve were rejected as not tenable.

The t values by county indicated there were significant differences for sex in Dickenson, Russell, Tazewell, and for total population, but not for Buchanan.

### Hypothesis Thirteen

Hypothesis thirteen: there is no significant difference between attitudes of senior males and senior females on the economic sub-scale. This hypothesis could not be tested because the economic scale was rejected as a result of the validation process. It had a reliability coefficient of only .67.

### Hypotheses Fourteen and Fifteen

Hypothesis fourteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior males and attitudes of their teachers.

Hypothesis fifteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior females and the attitudes of their teachers.

These hypotheses were subjected to t-tests for significance at the .05 level for each of the counties and for the entire population.

Hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were rejected as not tenable for Buchanan and Russell County seniors. Hypothesis fourteen was rejected as not tenable for Dickenson County, but hypothesis fifteen was accepted as tenable for Dickenson County. Hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were accepted as tenable for Tazewell seniors versus teachers. For the total population, hypotheses fourteen and fifteen were rejected as not tenable.

#### Hypothesis Sixteen

Hypothesis sixteen: there is no relationship between the "expected educational level to be attained" and the "stated amount of education that should be attained." The r value for each county was significant at the .05 level; therefore, hypothesis sixteen was rejected as not tenable for each of the counties and for the total population.

#### Hypothesis Seventeen

Hypothesis seventeen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of seniors who plan to attend college and the attitudes of seniors who do not plan to attend college.

Seniors were grouped by two categories: (1) those who planned to attend a community college or a four-year college, and (2) those who had other post-high school plans. There was significance for main effects, sex, and plans, but not for interaction. Hypothesis seventeen was rejected as not tenable.

#### Hypothesis Eighteen

Hypothesis eighteen: there is no significant difference between the attitudes of senior males and senior females according to family

size as measured by the number of siblings.

This hypothesis was tested by an analysis of variance at the .05 level of significance.

The F value for each county exceeded the .05 level; therefore, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for each of the counties. The F value for the entire population exceeded the .05 level of significance; therefore, hypothesis eighteen was accepted as tenable for the entire population.

### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the data collected and analyzed for this study, several conclusions are stated as follows:

#### Conclusion One

Educational levels of fathers and mothers were generally lower than state levels. Within the population of the study, mothers had more education than fathers. Among the counties, Tazewell fathers and mothers ranked highest, with Russell second, Dickenson, third, and Buchanan fourth.

#### Conclusion Two

Mining was a major occupation with over one-half of Buchanan and Dickenson fathers and over one-third of Russell and Tazewell fathers reported as miners. The support industries of construction, transportation, communication, and other public utilities provided back-up jobs for the mining industry.

#### Conclusion Three

Unemployment among fathers was higher than state or national levels.



#### Conclusion Four

Except for certain occupational groups such as personal services, professional services, and manufacturing, there were limited job opportunities for mothers. Almost two-thirds, 61.5 percent, were reported as housewives.

#### Conclusion Five

Seniors had relatively high aspirations for jobs, with one out of five expecting to enter the professional field. Since the area was primarily a one-industry area with coal and related service industries, speculation leads to the question, "Do professions such as teaching, banking, law, and medicine provide dreams for upward mobility from the mining industry?"

#### Conclusion Six

Almost one-half of all seniors expect to stop their education with the high school diploma. This might be related to the extremely low educational levels of fathers and mothers. About one out of five seniors expected to pursue college degrees. Seniors in this study could be described as having low educational aspirations.

#### Conclusion Seven

Seniors believed that more education should be achieved than they reported they intended to achieve. Students could be compromising the dilemma represented by undereducated parents and the slogan representing education, that "if you want a good job, get a good education."

#### Conclusion Eight

More seniors planned to get jobs upon graduation than planned to

attend college, but among the college bound, more seniors favored four-year colleges than community colleges.

#### Conclusion Nine

Post-high school plans generally were not decided until sometime during the senior year or later. Almost seven out of ten decided sometime after becoming seniors, while only three out of ten decided before the twelfth grade.

#### Conclusion Ten

Seniors' educational aspirations were influenced more by mothers than by fathers, and more by parents than by school personnel. In this study, the influence of guidance counselors and principals would be considered negligible, while teachers exert minimal influence.

#### Conclusion Eleven

Fathers' and mothers' educational levels did not bear significantly upon the attitudes of seniors in this study. This could be related to the homogeneity of the culture and the overwhelmingly low level of education of adults in the area.

#### Conclusion Twelve

Levels of occupation did not bear significantly upon the attitudes of seniors. This could be related to the nature of jobs in the area. In a sense, the area represents a one-industry economy with coal providing almost all the jobs either directly or indirectly. There could be a common thread running through most of the jobs in the area.

#### Conclusion Thirteen

There was a significant difference between the attitudes of

seniors who planned to attend college and seniors who did not plan to attend college. College bound seniors had higher mean scores on the attitude scale than non-college bound seniors.

#### Conclusion Fourteen

The size of family as measured by the number of siblings did not bear significantly upon seniors' attitudes.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Recommendation One

Personnel representing community colleges or four-year colleges who wish to recruit in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District should communicate with parents and teachers. According to the results of this study, parents and teachers influence seniors' educational aspirations more than guidance counselors, principals, friends, or others. Communications should be concerned primarily with those students who have difficulty deciding whether to attend college. These students most likely have parents who are under-educated. Due to their limited educational experiences, parents are not in a position to help or encourage their children with complex decisions about higher education. Appropriate communications could enhance recruitment efforts in this area.

#### Recommendation Two

Guidance counselors should develop a positive action program to identify academically capable students from lower economic brackets who might not be able to meet college expenses. Cooperation with teachers should pay handsome dividends since the literature shows that these students derive inspiration for higher education from school personnel.

For academically talented girls, the literature revealed that adequate financial resources were crucial in deciding whether to attend. Although the study did not attack this problem specifically, it might be stated that many economically poor students who are academically talented do not attempt college because they believe they cannot afford it. If the guidance counselor can help arrange financial affairs so that college attendance is possible, the literature suggests that these students have "staying power."

It appears that bright students from upper socio-economic levels get most of the support they need, psychological and fiscal, from their families and, therefore, depend less on guidance counselors. To many counselors it might appear that this is not true because these students "come" to them for help in arranging exams, completing applications, and other tasks; while students from lower socio-economic brackets seldom come for help. The essence of the situation, however, is that the former come for perfunctory tasks, while the latter need what the guidance counselor can do best, counseling.

#### Recommendation Three

According to this study, seniors' attitudes were significantly different according to the factor of sex. It is recommended that a study be conducted to determine why attitudes are significantly different. An investigation to determine whether attitudes toward education are significantly related to attitudes of mothers and fathers might be enlightening.

#### Recommendation Four

It is recommended that a study be conducted to determine if

there is a positive relationship between the type of college selected and vocational attitudes. Studies might also be done to investigate the other attitude clusters described in the framework for the problem of this study. If economic attitudes are studied, it is recommended that a different approach from that used in this study be tried. This investigator believes that economic attitudes toward colleges tend to be bi-polar. Students might believe, for example, that on the issue of the economic value of attending college there are essentially only two responses: yes, it is worth it; or no, it is not worth it. There does not seem to be a continuum of responses available as there is for social issues.

#### Recommendation Five

College personnel, public school personnel, and others interested in public schooling should be more concerned about the time frame when seniors decide their post-high school plans. It appears that far too many seniors are undecided late in their senior year and that a relative few have decided before the senior year. Perhaps more emphasis should be placed upon career education and decision-making exercises in public schools.

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## APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A  
DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENT

## INTRODUCTION

This questionnaire is an attempt to get your opinion on some important issues. We are interested only in YOUR agreement or disagreement with the following statements. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The best answer is your HONEST, FRANK opinion.

All we ask is that you:

- a. Read each statement carefully and mark it according to your first reaction. It is not necessary to take a lot of time for any one question.
- b. Answer every question.
- c. Give your personal point of view. Do not talk about the questions with anyone until you have finished.
- d. Be as sincere, accurate, and complete as possible.

For every item, please check your personal reaction to the statement according to the following code:

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Undecided    Agree    Strongly Agree

For every item please check (✓) your personal reaction to the statement according to the following code:

SD = Strongly Disagree

D = Disagree

U = Undecided

A = Agree

SA = Strongly Agree

	SD	D	U	A	SA
1. Everyday life is more difficult at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
2. It takes greater effort to get along socially at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
3. I am more afraid of four-year colleges than community colleges.					
4. It is more desirable to attend four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
5. The social life I want is more available at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
6. The social climate at four-year colleges is more acceptable than the social climate at community colleges.					
7. There is more social approval for four-year college students than for community college students.					
8. Campus life at community colleges is "dullsville" compared to life at four-year colleges.					
9. It is desirable to attend the same community college as friends do rather than a four-year college.					
10. My friends are more likely to attend community colleges than four-year colleges.					
11. I am confident I can get along better at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
12. It is more desirable to be a community college student than a four-year college student.					
13. Students who know little about four-year colleges should attend community colleges.					
14. Four-year colleges are more attractive than community colleges.					
15. Institutional control over student behavior is needed more at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
16. It is easier to violate rules at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
17. Community colleges are more conservative than four-year colleges.					
18. My ideas about college life are more clear toward four-year colleges than toward community colleges.					
19. Students at four-year colleges worry more than students at community colleges.					
20. Students at community colleges receive more respect than students at four-year colleges.					
21. Students at four-year colleges are more open-minded than students at community colleges.					
22. It is easier to keep high-school friends by attending community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
23. Four-year colleges provide more ideas for social improvement than community colleges.					
24. High school seniors are more enthusiastic about four-year colleges than community colleges.					
25. Community colleges are more interesting than four-year colleges.					



	SD	D	U	A	SA
26. People are happier with four-year colleges than with community colleges.					
27. Living in a four-year college dorm is a better experience than attending a community college and living at home.					
28. Students at four-year colleges are upset and nervous more often than students at community colleges.					
29. There is more immoral behavior at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
30. Community colleges are all right if you cannot be admitted to four-year colleges.					
31. Students at community colleges form closer friendships than students at four-year colleges.					
32. Community colleges are more fascinating than four-year colleges.					
33. Making friends is more difficult at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
34. I would enjoy myself more at a four-year college than at a community college.					
35. Four-year colleges have more merits than community colleges.					
36. I would be resented more at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
37. Four-year college students suffer more conflicts between home life and college life than community college students.					
38. There are more advantages at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
39. Social life is better at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
40. Being part of the crowd is easier at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
41. My friends like community colleges more than four-year colleges.					
42. There is greater opportunity to be sociable at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
43. High school seniors are more afraid of four-year colleges than community colleges.					
44. Social events at four-year colleges rate more highly than social events at community colleges.					
45. I would be taking a bigger chance with my happiness at a community college than at a four-year college.					
46. Four-year colleges are more satisfying than community colleges.					
47. Students with adjustment problems should select community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
48. Group spirit at four-year colleges is superior to group spirit at community colleges.					
49. Students should keep high school friends by commuting to community colleges rather than living at four-year colleges.					
50. Pressure to do what other students do is greater at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
51. More people approve of four-year colleges than community colleges.					
52. Attending four-year colleges is more prestigious than attending community colleges.					
53. It is easier to make friends at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
54. There are more students from all walks of life at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
55. Getting together for card games, movies, and parties is more fun at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
56. Students' talents are better developed by four-year colleges than by community colleges.					
57. Students at four-year colleges are more satisfied than students at community colleges.					
58. It is more desirable to mix and mingle with the crowd at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
59. Students receive better treatment at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
60. There is more doubt about social life at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
61. Four-year colleges are more frightening than community colleges.					
62. I would rather attend a four-year college than a community college.					
63. My friends are better suited to community colleges than to four-year colleges.					
64. There are more misfits at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
65. Four-year colleges offer more freedom than community colleges.					
66. Upperclassmen accept new students more quickly at community colleges than they do at four-year colleges.					
67. Students are more radical at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
68. Students at community colleges are happier than students at four-year colleges.					
69. Students at community colleges are more contented than students at four-year colleges.					
70. There is greater respect for community colleges than for four-year colleges.					
71. Students receive more individual attention at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
72. Four-year college students have more self-confidence than community college students					
73. The best social life is experienced at four-year colleges instead of community colleges.					
74. It is important that a student break away from home life by attending four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
75. Four-year college students have a more "care less" attitude toward others than community college students.					
76. Students are more willing to try community colleges than four-year colleges.					
77. Opportunity for a good "work-play" relationship is better at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
78. There are more students like me at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
79. Students in four-year colleges are more snobbish than students in community colleges.					
80. Attending four-year colleges brings greater respect to students than community colleges.					
81. There are more social advantages at four-year colleges than community colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
82. Adjusting to a community college campus is easier than adjusting to a four-year college campus.					
83. Participating in campus social life is easier at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
84. Attending community colleges makes more sense than attending four-year colleges.					
85. There is greater kinship among community college students than among four-year college students.					
86. Four-year colleges are better than community colleges.					
87. Students learn more about people by attending four-year colleges than by attending community colleges.					
88. It is more fun to attend community colleges than four-year colleges.					
89. The quality of social life is better at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
90. Social life is more desirable at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
91. I do not care how four-year colleges rate, community colleges are better for me.					

For every item please check (✓) your personal reaction to the statement according to the following code:

SD = Strongly Disagree

D = Disagree

U = Undecided

A = Agree

SA = Strongly Agree

	SD	D	U	A	SA
1. Students are more likely to spend too much money at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
2. Students with economic problems should attend community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
3. Students should earn more money with four-year college degrees than with community college degrees.					
4. For money spent, a community college is a better deal than a four-year college.					
5. It is more difficult to refrain from spending money at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
6. There is not any doubt that four-year college degrees are worth more than community college degrees.					
7. Living costs are more unreasonable at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
8. Four-year college benefits do not pay as well in relation to cost as community college benefits pay.					
9. In the long run, more money is saved by attending four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
10. Money spent on four-year college degrees is a better investment than money spent on community college degrees.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
11. Save money by attending four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
12. The economic benefits of a four-year college education are not really any greater than those of a community college.					
13. The difference between the cost of community colleges and four-year colleges is of no practical consequence to students.					
14. It makes more sense economically to attend community colleges than four-year colleges.					
15. Four-year colleges are more economical for students than community colleges.					
16. If money were no object, students would select four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
17. Higher costs are necessary at four-year colleges to keep some students in community colleges.					
18. If money were available, students should choose four-year colleges instead of community colleges.					
19. More money is wasted on a four-year college experience than on a community college experience.					
20. The high cost of four-year colleges forces more students to select community colleges.					
21. Students should save money by commuting to community colleges rather than living at four-year colleges.					
22. Poor students should attend community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
23. Students with little money should select community colleges over four-year colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
24. The lack of family money should not prevent a student from selecting a four-year college over a community college.					
25. It takes more money to participate in campus social life at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
26. Families should sacrifice more so that students can attend four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
27. You get more dollar value from attending community colleges than four-year colleges.					
28. The benefits of four-year college degrees are exaggerated out of proportion to the benefits of community college degrees.					
29. Four-year colleges cost more because the quality of instruction there is better than at community colleges.					
30. If costs were equal, more students would choose four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
31. Education is a better bargain at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
32. If they were less expensive, four-year colleges would be as desirable as community colleges.					
33. Students have a better chance to work part-time at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
34. Money saved by attending community colleges is not enough to switch from attending four-year colleges.					
35. Community college costs are more in keeping with my budget than are the costs of a four-year college.					
36. Students with the same economic background as mine attend community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					



	SD	D	U	A	SA
37. Social life costs more at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
38. Attending four-year colleges is a useless way to spend money when students could easily attend community colleges.					
39. Most students can afford to attend four-year colleges rather than less expensive community colleges.					
40. The economic value of four-year college degrees is more debatable than the value of community college degrees.					
41. A year at a four-year college should cost more than a year at a community college.					
42. You cannot really compare four-year colleges with community colleges on an economic basis.					
43. Students receive more information about controlling costs at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
44. Four-year colleges cost more because you get more education there than at community colleges.					
45. Students with little money should choose community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
46. Keeping up with the crowd costs more at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
47. It is harder to justify the cost of a four-year college education than a community college education.					
48. A four-year college is a better way to spend money than a community college.					
49. Unlike community colleges, the cost of four-year colleges cannot be measured in terms of dollars.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
50. Students waste more money at community colleges than at four-year colleges.					
51. Students at four-year colleges come from wealthier families than students at community colleges.					
52. Costs are lower at community colleges than four-year colleges.					
53. Considering only cost, students should select community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
54. If borrowing money made the difference between attending a four-year college and a community college, you should choose community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
55. If educational benefits were the same, more students would choose community colleges rather than four-year colleges.					
56. Students at community colleges are more concerned about money than students at four-year colleges.					
57. More people think that four-year college costs too much than think that community college costs too much.					
58. Students have more financial problems at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
59. In the long run more money is wasted by attending four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
60. Four-year college degrees are valuable but the worth of community college degrees is unknown.					
61. Four-year college graduates should get better jobs than community college graduates.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
62. Attending four-year colleges is a foolish way to spend money when community colleges are available.					
63. Community colleges have more hidden costs than four-year colleges.					
64. My friends will attend community colleges because they cannot afford four-year colleges.					

Scores and Ranks of High and Low Groups  
for Field Test of Social Scale

High Group		Low Group	
Score	Rank	Score	Rank
235	1	117	1
230	2	120	2
229	3	124	3
226	4	125	4
225	5	126	5
225	6	129	6
221	7	132	7
215	8	133	8
215	9	138	9
214	10	139	10
213	11	139	11
210	12	140	12
209	13	141	13
209	14	142	14
209	15	142	15
208	16	145	16
207	17	147	17
206	18	150	18
206	19	150	19
206	20	151	20
205	21	151	21
204	22	153	22
201	23	154	23
201	24	160	24
200	25	160	25
200	26	162	26
199	27	162	27
199	28	163	28
199	29	163	29
199	30	163	30
199	31	164	31
199	32	164	32
198	33	165	33
198	34	165	34
196	35	166	35

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in High Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
1	6	20	3	6	0	1.2571
2	1	6	3	23	2	2.5429
3	5	9	3	14	4	2.0857
4	1	11	3	12	8	2.4286
5	9	6	6	12	2	1.7714
6	3	8	7	12	5	2.2286
7	1	5	9	17	3	2.4571
8	2	6	9	14	4	2.3429
9	5	7	4	16	3	2.1429
10	4	5	5	18	3	2.3143
11	7	9	11	8	0	1.5714
12	8	9	5	11	2	1.7143
13	3	12	11	8	1	1.7714
14	1	5	5	19	5	2.6286
15	0	3	7	20	5	2.7714
16	0	7	14	10	4	2.3143
17	2	6	8	15	3	2.3235
18	0	10	7	13	5	2.3714
19	1	5	6	18	5	2.6000
20	2	20	9	4	0	1.4286
21	1	6	18	8	2	2.1143
22	1	3	4	22	5	2.7714
23	1	0	7	22	5	2.8571
24	2	7	5	13	8	2.5143
25	8	12	5	9	0	1.4412
26	0	10	17	8	0	1.9429
27	1	5	3	15	11	2.8571
28	0	7	7	19	2	2.4571
29	0	7	5	17	6	2.6286
30	0	6	1	23	5	2.7714
31	5	12	5	10	3	1.8286
32	6	15	10	3	0	1.2941
33	2	12	9	12	0	1.8857
34	1	10	1	13	10	2.6000
35	0	0	8	21	6	2.9429
36	1	15	8	9	2	1.8857
37	3	6	4	20	2	2.3429
38	0	1	6	21	7	2.9714
39	2	6	5	12	10	2.6286
40	1	5	9	18	2	2.4286
41	5	6	4	18	2	2.1714

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in High Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
42	0	6	10	13	6	2.5429
43	2	5	4	18	6	2.6000
44	0	0	3	20	11	3.3235
45	2	13	10	7	3	1.8857
46	2	9	8	12	5	2.3143
47	0	6	2	22	4	2.7059
48	0	4	9	12	10	2.8000
49	9	12	5	6	3	1.4857
50	2	7	8	15	3	2.2857
51	1	4	5	20	5	2.6857
52	0	3	4	22	6	2.8857
53	1	12	4	15	2	2.1471
54	1	2	0	20	12	3.1429
55	3	7	11	11	3	2.1143
56	0	3	9	18	5	2.7143
57	0	6	16	11	2	2.2571
58	1	4	12	14	4	2.4571
59	1	14	15	4	1	1.7143
60	0	8	12	11	4	2.3143
61	0	8	0	22	5	2.6857
62	5	9	2	11	8	2.2286
63	3	11	7	13	1	1.9429
64	2	10	7	13	3	2.1429
65	0	10	8	11	6	2.3714
66	0	6	10	17	2	2.4286
67	1	2	11	18	3	2.5714
68	2	10	11	10	2	2.0000
69	2	9	10	14	0	2.0286
70	3	22	5	5	0	1.3429
71	0	4	4	25	2	2.7143
72	0	10	5	19	1	2.3143
73	0	2	7	19	7	2.8857
74	0	9	5	12	9	2.6000
75	1	12	8	13	1	2.0286
76	1	7	4	19	4	2.5143
77	2	6	5	17	4	2.4412
78	2	12	9	7	5	2.0286
79	1	7	12	13	2	2.2286
80	0	5	9	17	4	2.5714
81	0	1	5	23	6	2.9714
82	2	2	1	26	4	2.8000

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in High Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
83	0	13	8	9	4	2.1177
84	5	14	9	7	0	1.5143
85	1	16	5	13	0	1.8571
86	2	4	14	11	4	2.3143
87	2	1	3	20	8	2.8286
88	3	15	11	5	1	1.6000
89	5	14	8	8	0	1.5429
90	0	3	7	19	6	3.0000
91	5	12	8	6	4	1.7714

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in Low Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
1	4	25	4	2	0	1.1143
2	2	20	6	6	1	1.5429
3	4	10	5	14	2	2.000
4	7	17	5	6	0	1.2857
5	3	9	7	14	2	2.0857
6	2	18	8	7	0	1.5714
7	2	17	5	10	0	1.6765
8	6	18	9	2	0	1.2000
9	5	16	2	12	0	1.6000
10	1	9	6	16	3	2.3143
11	3	21	6	4	1	1.4000
12	2	16	4	12	0	1.7647
13	5	22	4	3	1	1.2286
14	6	16	6	7	0	1.4000
15	3	12	10	8	2	1.8286
16	3	22	8	2	0	1.2571
17	2	7	13	12	0	2.0294
18	1	18	10	6	0	1.6000
19	3	16	5	10	1	1.7143
20	6	23	5	1	0	1.0286
21	8	19	6	2	0	1.0571
22	3	9	6	16	1	2.0857
23	2	17	8	8	0	1.6286
24	3	15	5	12	0	1.7429
25	0	16	9	9	1	1.8571
26	3	22	10	0	0	1.2000
27	5	8	3	15	4	2.1429
28	7	13	7	6	2	1.5143
29	4	20	7	4	0	1.3143
30	6	5	7	14	3	2.0857
31	6	20	4	5	0	1.2286
32	2	18	12	3	0	1.4571
33	6	19	6	3	1	1.2571
34	6	17	8	4	0	1.2857
35	0	9	12	14	0	2.1429
36	5	22	5	2	0	1.1177
37	0	12	14	9	0	1.9143
38	2	14	6	13	0	1.8571
39	3	21	8	2	1	1.3429
40	1	15	8	9	1	1.8235
41	0	6	11	13	5	2.4857



Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in Low Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
42	0	24	7	4	0	1.4286
43	1	13	5	13	2	2.0588
44	1	12	6	15	1	2.0857
45	7	19	7	2	0	1.1143
46	3	23	5	4	0	1.2857
47	3	6	6	17	3	2.3143
48	2	13	9	9	2	1.8857
49	5	24	4	1	1	1.1143
50	1	13	10	9	2	1.9429
51	2	15	5	12	1	1.8571
52	0	9	9	15	2	2.2857
53	3	19	5	8	0	1.5143
54	2	12	3	17	1	2.0857
55	5	24	4	1	1	1.1143
56	5	19	6	5	0	1.3143
57	2	30	3	0	0	1.0286
58	5	26	2	2	0	1.0286
59	8	24	2	1	0	0.8857
60	3	20	8	4	0	1.3714
61	1	12	5	16	0	2.0588
62	4	17	8	6	0	1.4571
63	1	10	12	9	3	2.0857
64	2	18	11	4	0	1.4857
65	4	20	6	5	0	1.3429
66	1	6	8	19	1	1.0000
67	0	15	11	9	0	1.8286
68	3	21	7	3	1	1.3714
69	2	20	9	4	0	1.4286
70	2	21	8	4	0	1.4000
71	1	8	9	15	2	2.2571
72	0	25	6	4	0	1.4000
73	0	24	6	5	0	1.4571
74	1	18	5	9	2	1.8000
75	6	14	7	8	0	1.4857
76	0	6	6	18	5	2.6286
77	1	14	9	11	0	1.8571
78	4	16	13	2	0	1.3714
79	3	15	7	9	1	1.7143
80	2	18	6	9	0	1.6286
81	0	21	8	5	1	1.6000

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in Low Group  
from Field Test for Social Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
82	0	9	4	22	0	2.3714
83	0	27	4	4	0	1.3429
84	4	19	9	4	0	1.3714
85	0	17	7	11	0	1.8286
86	9	17	6	2	1	1.1143
87	2	21	9	2	0	1.2857
88	0	14	14	7	0	1.8000
89	2	17	11	5	0	1.5429
90	2	22	8	2	1	1.3714
91	1	13	10	7	4	2.0000

Item Analysis  
Differences of Means  
Social Scale

Rank	High Group (N = 35)	Low Group (N = 35)	Difference	Statement Number
1	3.0000	1.3714	1.6286	90
2	2.8286	1.2857	1.5429	87
3	2.8857	1.4571	1.4286	73
4	2.4286	1.0000	1.4286	66
5	2.4571	1.0286	1.4285	58
6	2.7143	1.3143	1.4000	56
7	2.9714	1.6000	1.3714	81
8	2.6000	1.2857	1.3143	34
9	2.6286	1.3143	1.3143	29
10	2.6286	1.3429	1.2857	39
11	3.3235	2.0857	1.2378	44
12	2.6286	1.4000	1.2286	14
13	2.8571	1.6286	1.2285	23
14	2.2571	1.0286	1.2285	57
15	2.3143	1.1143	1.2000	86
16	2.4286	1.2857	1.1429	4
17	2.3429	1.2000	1.1429	8
18	2.5429	1.4286	1.1143	42
19	2.9714	1.8571	1.1143	38
20	2.3143	1.2571	1.0572	16
21	2.1143	1.0571	1.0572	21
22	3.1429	2.0857	1.0572	54
23	2.3143	1.2857	1.0286	46
24	2.3714	1.3429	1.0285	65
25	2.5429	1.5429	1.0000	2
26	2.1143	1.1143	1.0000	55
27	2.3143	1.3714	0.9429	60
28	2.5714	1.6286	0.9428	80
29	2.7714	1.8286	0.9428	15
30	2.4571	1.5143	0.9428	28
31	2.8000	1.8857	0.9143	48
32	2.3143	1.4000	0.9143	72
33	2.6000	1.7143	0.8857	19
34	2.6857	1.8571	0.8286	51
35	1.7143	0.8857	0.8286	59
36	2.9429	2.1429	0.8000	35
37	2.6000	1.8000	0.8000	74
38	2.4571	1.6765	0.7806	7
39	2.1177	1.3429	0.7748	83
40	2.2286	1.4571	0.7715	62

Item Analysis  
Differences of Means  
Social Scale (continued)

Rank	High Group (N = 35)	Low Group (N = 35)	Difference	Statement Number
41	2.3714	1.6000	0.7714	18
42	2.5143	1.7429	0.7714	24
43	1.8857	1.1143	0.7714	45
44	1.8857	1.1177	0.7680	36
45	1.9429	1.2000	0.7429	26
46	2.5714	1.8286	0.7428	67
47	2.8571	2.1429	0.7142	27
48	2.7714	2.0857	0.6857	22
49	2.7714	2.0857	0.6857	30
50	2.2286	1.5714	0.6572	6
51	2.1429	1.4857	0.6572	64
52	2.0286	1.3714	0.6572	78
53	2.1471	1.5143	0.6328	53
54	1.8857	1.2571	0.6286	33
55	2.0000	1.3714	0.6286	68
56	2.6857	2.0588	0.6269	61
57	2.4286	1.8235	0.6051	40
58	1.8286	1.2286	0.6000	31
59	2.8857	2.2857	0.6000	52
60	2.0286	1.4286	0.6000	69
61	2.4412	1.8571	0.5841	77
62	2.1429	1.6000	0.5429	9
63	2.0286	1.4857	0.5429	75
64	1.7714	1.2286	0.5428	13
65	2.6000	2.0588	0.5412	43
66	2.2286	1.7143	0.5143	79
67	2.7143	2.2571	0.4572	71
68	2.3429	1.9143	0.4286	37
69	2.8000	2.3714	0.4286	82
70	1.4412	1.8571	0.4159	25
71	1.4286	1.0286	0.4000	20
72	2.7059	2.3143	0.3916	47
73	1.4857	1.1143	0.3714	49
74	2.2857	1.9429	0.3428	50
75	1.7714	2.0857	0.3143	5
76	2.1714	2.4857	0.3143	41
77	2.3235	2.0294	0.2941	17
78	1.7714	2.0000	0.2286	91
79	1.6000	1.8000	0.2000	88
80	1.5714	1.4000	0.1714	11

Item Analysis  
Differences of Means  
Social Scale (continued)

Rank	High Group (N = 35)	Low Group (N = 35)	Difference	Statement Number
81	1.2941	1.4571	0.1630	32
82	1.5143	1.3714	0.1429	84
83	1.2571	1.1143	0.1428	1
84	1.9429	2.0857	0.1428	63
85	2.5143	2.6286	0.1143	76
86	2.0857	2.0000	0.0857	3
87	1.3429	1.4000	0.0571	70
88	1.7143	1.7647	0.0504	12
89	1.8571	1.8286	0.0285	85
90	1.5429	1.5429	0.0000	89
91	2.3143	2.3143	0.0000	10

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Social Scale

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
1	18	18	324	324	324
2	46	45	2,116	2,025	2,070
3	25	19	625	361	475
4	24	23	576	529	552
5	41	38	1,681	1,444	1,558
6	34	31	1,156	961	1,054
7	33	27	1,089	729	891
8	32	32	1,024	1,024	1,024
9	39	29	1,521	841	1,131
10	12	13	144	169	156
11	21	16	441	256	336
12	17	19	289	361	323
13	41	30	1,681	900	1,230
14	23	20	529	400	460
15	40	33	1,600	1,089	1,320
16	33	28	1,089	784	924
17	23	30	529	900	690
18	26	30	676	900	780
19	38	25	1,444	625	950
20	29	29	841	841	841
21	22	17	484	289	374
22	25	21	625	441	525
23	21	13	441	169	273
24	14	14	196	196	196
25	27	17	729	289	459
26	23	17	529	289	391
27	26	29	676	841	754
28	24	17	576	289	408
29	37	37	1,369	1,369	1,369
30	33	28	1,089	784	924
31	26	23	676	529	598
32	25	24	625	576	600
33	31	30	961	900	930
34	22	26	484	676	572
35	20	20	400	400	400
36	35	39	1,225	1,521	1,365
37	22	24	484	576	528
38	24	31	576	961	744
39	20	22	400	484	440
40	21	22	441	484	462

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Social Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
41	34	36	1,156	1,296	1,224
42	26	22	676	484	572
43	22	19	484	361	418
44	33	32	1,089	1,024	1,056
45	16	11	256	121	176
46	17	19	289	361	323
47	21	16	441	256	336
48	26	22	676	484	572
49	33	31	1,089	961	1,023
50	48	41	2,304	1,681	1,968
51	20	8	400	64	160
52	39	37	1,521	1,369	1,443
53	27	24	729	576	648
54	29	23	841	529	667
55	22	20	484	400	440
56	20	17	400	289	340
57	28	27	784	729	756
58	32	28	1,024	784	896
59	30	29	900	841	870
60	26	22	676	484	572
61	23	18	529	324	414
62	19	23	361	529	437
63	30	29	900	841	870
64	34	34	1,156	1,156	1,156
65	23	24	529	576	552
66	23	23	529	529	529
67	26	23	676	529	598
68	20	24	400	576	480
69	21	22	441	484	462
70	31	35	961	1,225	1,085
71	15	13	225	169	195
72	29	24	841	576	696
73	47	40	2,209	1,600	1,880
74	22	19	484	361	418
75	33	34	1,089	1,156	1,122
76	42	37	1,764	1,369	1,554
77	34	31	1,156	961	1,054
78	28	25	784	625	700
79	20	19	400	361	380
80	33	27	1,089	729	891

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Social Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
81	30	30	900	900	900
82	25	32	625	1,024	800
83	35	28	1,225	784	980
84	28	31	784	961	868
85	22	17	484	289	374
86	31	27	961	729	837
87	Missing Score				
88	36	36	1,296	1,296	1,296
89	29	23	841	529	667
90	33	29	1,089	841	957
91	17	24	289	576	408
92	34	25	1,156	625	850
93	26	26	676	676	676
94	31	26	961	676	806
95	33	36	1,089	1,296	1,188
96	45	39	2,025	1,521	1,755
97	31	23	961	529	713
98	29	33	841	1,089	957
99	35	26	1,225	676	910
100	25	22	625	484	550
101	25	25	625	625	625
102	20	20	400	400	400
103	29	27	841	729	783
104	36	33	1,296	1,089	1,188
105	20	24	400	576	480
106	22	20	484	400	440
107	26	22	676	484	572
108	21	16	441	256	336
109	34	30	1,156	900	1,020
110	23	25	529	625	575
111	14	16	196	256	224
112	15	15	225	225	225
113	35	32	1,225	1,024	1,120
114	20	17	400	289	340
115	Missing Score				
116	34	29	1,156	841	986
117	40	33	1,600	1,089	1,320
118	26	28	676	784	728
119	22	23	484	529	506
120	37	29	1,369	841	1,073



Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Social Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
121	19	21	361	441	399
122	16	19	256	361	304
123	13	13	169	169	169
124	21	22	441	484	462
125	10	15	100	225	150
126	23	16	529	256	368
127	22	21	484	441	462
128	15	14	225	196	210
129	24	22	576	484	528
130	35	30	1,225	900	1,050
131	Missing Score				
132	Missing Score				
133	18	21	324	441	378
134	8	11	64	121	88
135	14	18	196	324	252
136	33	28	1,089	784	924
137	13	12	169	144	156
138	13	7	169	49	91
139	28	22	784	484	616
140	12	15	144	225	180
141	19	16	361	256	304
142	19	24	361	576	456
Total	3,644	3,378	105,362	90,120	96,314

Pearson Product Moment  
Social Scale

$$N = 138$$

$$\sum X = 3,644$$

$$\sum Y = 3,378$$

$$\sum X^2 = 105,362$$

$$\sum Y^2 = 90,120$$

$$\sum XY = 96,314$$

$$(\sum X)^2 = 13,278,736$$

$$(\sum X)(\sum Y) = 12,309,432$$

$$(\sum Y)^2 = 11,410,884$$

$$N\sum X^2 = 14,539,956$$

$$N\sum Y^2 = 12,436,560$$

$$N\sum XY = 13,291,332$$

$$r = \frac{N\sum XY - (\sum X)(\sum Y)}{\sqrt{[N\sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2][N\sum Y^2 - (\sum Y)^2]}}$$

$$r = \frac{13,291,332 - 12,309,432}{\sqrt{(14,539,956 - 13,278,736)(12,436,560 - 11,410,884)}}$$

$$r = \frac{981,900}{\sqrt{(1,261,220)(1,025,676)}}$$

$$r = \frac{981,900}{\sqrt{1,293,603,084,720}}$$

$$r = \frac{981,900}{1,137,366.73}$$

$$r = .8633$$

Pearson Product Moment  
Social Scale (continued)

$$\text{Reliability on Full Test} = \frac{2 \times \text{Reliability } \frac{1}{2} \text{ Test}}{1 + \text{Reliability } \frac{1}{2} \text{ Test}}$$

$$r = \frac{2 \times .8633}{1 + .8633}$$

$$r = \frac{1.7266}{1.8633}$$

$$r = .9266$$

Scores and Ranks of High and Low Groups  
for Field Test of Economic Scale

High Group		Low Group	
Score	Rank	Score	Rank
182	1	78	1
181	2	80	2
163	3	83	3
161	4	90	4
160	5	90	5
155	6	90	6
154	7	94	7
153	8	95	8
153	9	96	9
151	10	96	10
151	11	97	11
150	12	99	12
150	13	100	13
148	14	102	14
147	15	102	15
145	16	103	16
145	17	104	17
145	18	104	18
144	19	105	19
143	20	106	20
143	21	106	21
142	22	106	22
142	23	107	23
142	24	107	24
142	25	108	25
142	26	108	26
141	27	109	27
141	28	109	28
141	29	109	29
141	30	111	30
141	31	111	31
140	32	111	32
140	33	112	33
140	34	113	34
139	35	113	35

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in High Group  
from Field Test for Economic Scale

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
1	0	3	1	27	4	2.9143
2	0	3	5	24	1	2.6970
3	1	9	5	16	4	2.3714
4	0	5	11	16	3	2.4857
5	4	13	9	9	0	1.6571
6	1	8	5	16	6	2.5000
7	0	4	2	26	3	2.8000
8	2	6	17	8	2	2.0571
9	1	22	8	3	1	1.4571
10	1	11	9	12	2	2.0857
11	2	20	9	3	1	1.4571
12	2	7	8	17	1	2.2286
13	3	10	8	13	1	1.7425
14	1	3	7	23	1	2.5714
15	0	17	11	5	2	1.5714
16	0	9	4	15	7	2.5714
17	0	10	10	14	1	2.1714
18	0	13	4	15	3	2.2286
19	1	7	6	17	3	2.4118
20	0	1	1	24	9	3.1714
21	1	3	9	19	2	2.5294
22	3	7	7	14	4	1.0294
23	2	8	8	14	3	2.2286
24	2	8	4	15	6	2.4286
25	0	1	7	24	3	2.8286
26	2	15	8	9	1	1.7714
27	1	5	10	18	1	2.3714
28	2	9	10	13	1	2.0571
29	2	7	11	10	5	2.2571
30	0	10	4	14	7	2.5143
31	2	8	12	13	0	2.0286
32	0	7	2	22	4	2.6571
33	2	3	2	20	8	2.8286
34	0	6	10	17	0	2.3333
35	1	6	1	25	2	2.6000
36	1	6	2	24	2	1.0000
37	1	2	5	24	3	2.7429
38	5	7	8	13	2	2.0000
39	2	21	3	6	3	1.0000
40	1	7	10	16	1	2.2571
41	0	6	6	15	7	2.6765

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in High Group  
from Field Test for Economic Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
42	0	7	2	21	5	2.6857
43	0	4	7	22	1	2.5882
44	2	9	2	18	4	2.3714
45	1	7	7	18	2	2.3714
46	1	2	5	20	7	2.8571
47	2	2	7	21	3	2.6000
48	2	12	9	10	2	1.9429
49	1	6	10	13	5	2.4286
50	7	19	4	5	0	1.2000
51	3	2	4	17	8	2.7353
52	0	4	5	23	3	2.7143
53	0	5	9	17	4	2.5714
54	2	13	7	10	3	1.4571
55	2	8	4	18	3	2.3429
56	0	11	6	14	4	2.3143
57	0	0	5	23	7	3.0571
58	1	2	3	22	7	2.9143
59	2	4	8	18	3	2.4571
60	4	10	11	9	1	1.8000
61	3	15	3	10	4	1.9143
62	3	12	12	7	1	1.7429
63	2	9	13	11	0	1.9429
64	3	9	6	15	2	2.1143

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in Low Group  
from Field Test for Economic Scale

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
1	1	10	6	18	0	2.1714
2	4	16	9	6	0	1.4857
3	9	18	6	2	0	1.0286
4	1	17	12	5	0	1.6000
5	1	22	8	4	0	1.4286
6	8	17	6	3	1	1.2000
7	0	10	11	14	0	2.1143
8	0	19	15	1	0	1.4857
9	1	19	12	3	0	1.4857
10	7	18	7	3	0	1.1714
11	9	15	10	1	0	1.0857
12	0	2	14	18	0	2.4706
13	2	20	7	6	0	1.4857
14	0	22	6	7	0	1.5714
15	1	18	13	3	0	1.5143
16	2	21	5	7	0	1.4857
17	4	12	15	4	0	1.5429
18	3	25	2	5	0	1.2571
19	0	21	4	9	1	1.7143
20	0	7	7	19	2	2.4571
21	3	17	9	6	0	1.5143
22	11	18	4	2	0	0.9143
23	8	21	4	2	0	1.0000
24	0	1	2	20	12	3.2286
25	0	12	11	12	0	2.0000
26	2	26	7	0	0	1.1429
27	1	16	18	0	0	1.4857
28	0	15	12	8	0	1.8000
29	4	20	8	3	0	1.2857
30	2	7	16	9	1	2.0000
31	0	26	7	2	0	1.3143
32	0	11	10	14	0	2.0857
33	0	13	9	11	2	2.0571
34	0	8	19	8	0	2.0000
35	1	15	7	11	1	1.8857
36	1	16	11	6	0	1.6471
37	0	15	7	13	0	1.9429
38	5	25	5	0	0	1.0000
39	0	19	10	6	0	1.6286
40	1	15	17	2	0	1.5714
41	2	9	9	14	1	2.0857

Frequency Distribution for Thirty-Five Seniors in Low Group  
from Field Test for Economic Scale (continued)

Statement Number	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean
42	0	2	12	18	3	2.6286
43	1	12	16	6	0	1.7714
44	6	21	5	3	0	1.1429
45	7	26	1	1	0	0.8857
46	0	15	9	11	0	1.8857
47	0	19	10	6	0	1.6286
48	3	21	8	3	0	1.3143
49	2	12	15	6	0	1.7143
50	2	24	8	0	1	1.2571
51	8	17	4	6	0	1.2286
52	1	20	7	7	0	1.5714
53	4	23	3	5	0	1.2571
54	7	20	6	2	0	1.0857
55	0	17	10	7	1	1.7714
56	1	21	4	7	2	1.6571
57	0	5	6	23	1	2.5714
58	1	14	11	9	0	1.8000
59	0	22	7	6	0	1.5429
60	7	19	8	1	0	1.0857
61	9	20	5	1	0	0.9429
62	8	21	3	3	0	1.0286
63	0	23	10	3	0	1.4571
64	4	24	6	0	1	1.1429



Item Analysis  
Differences of Means  
Economic Scale

Rank	High Group (N = 35)	Low Group (N = 35)	Difference	Statement Number
1	2.7353	1.2286	1.5067	51
2	2.3714	0.8857	1.4857	45
3	2.3714	1.0286	1.3428	3
4	2.5714	1.2571	1.3143	53
5	2.5000	1.2000	1.3000	6
6	2.2286	1.0000	1.2286	23
7	2.3714	1.1429	1.2285	44
8	2.6970	1.4857	1.2113	2
9	2.7143	1.5714	1.1429	52
10	2.9143	1.8000	1.1143	58
11	2.5714	1.4857	1.0857	16
12	2.5294	1.5143	1.0151	21
13	2.5714	1.5714	1.0000	14
14	2.0000	1.0000	1.0000	38
15	2.2286	1.2571	0.9715	18
16	2.2571	1.2857	0.9714	29
17	2.8571	1.8857	0.9714	46
18	2.6000	1.6286	0.9714	47
19	1.9143	0.9429	0.9714	61
20	2.1143	1.1429	0.9714	64
21	2.0857	1.1714	0.9143	10
22	2.4571	1.5429	0.9142	59
23	2.4857	1.6000	0.8857	4
24	2.3714	1.4857	0.8857	27
25	1.9714	1.0857	0.8857	54
26	2.8286	2.0000	0.8286	25
27	2.5882	1.7714	0.8168	43
28	2.4286	3.2286	0.8000	24
29	2.7429	1.9429	0.8000	37
30	2.8286	2.0571	0.7715	33
31	2.9143	2.1714	0.7429	1
32	3.1714	2.4571	0.7143	20
33	2.0286	1.3143	0.7143	31
34	2.6000	1.8857	0.7143	35
35	2.4286	1.7143	0.7143	49
36	1.8000	1.0857	0.7143	60
37	1.7429	1.0286	0.7143	62
38	2.4118	1.7143	0.6975	19
39	2.8000	2.1143	0.6857	7
40	2.2571	1.5714	0.6857	40

Item Analysis  
Differences of Means  
Economic Scale (continued)

Rank	High Group (N = 35)	Low Group (N = 35)	Difference	Statement Number
41	2.3143	1.6571	0.6572	56
42	1.0000	1.6471	0.6471	36
43	1.0000	1.6286	0.6286	39
44	1.9429	1.3143	0.6286	48
45	2.1714	1.5429	0.6285	17
46	1.7714	1.1429	0.6285	26
47	2.6765	2.0857	0.5908	41
48	2.3429	1.7714	0.5715	55
49	2.0571	1.4857	0.5714	8
50	2.6571	2.0857	0.5714	32
51	2.5143	2.0000	0.5143	30
52	1.9429	1.4571	0.4858	63
53	3.0571	2.5714	0.4857	57
54	1.4571	1.0857	0.3714	54
55	2.3333	2.0000	0.3333	34
56	2.0571	1.8000	0.2571	28
57	1.7425	1.4857	0.2568	13
58	2.2286	2.4706	0.2420	12
59	1.6571	1.4286	0.2285	5
60	1.0294	0.9143	0.1151	22
61	1.5714	1.5143	0.0571	15
62	2.6857	2.6286	0.0571	42
63	1.2000	1.2571	0.0571	50
64	1.4571	1.4857	0.0286	9

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Economic Scale

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
1	31	24	961	576	744
2	16	30	256	900	480
3	29	32	841	1,024	928
4	29	23	841	529	667
5	22	26	484	676	572
6	28	24	784	576	672
7	24	28	576	784	672
8	23	26	529	676	598
9	23	27	529	729	621
10	26	27	676	729	702
11	26	23	676	529	598
12	24	22	576	484	528
13	23	21	529	441	483
14	26	27	676	729	702
15	23	30	529	900	690
16	25	27	625	729	675
17	28	20	784	400	560
18	22	32	484	1,024	704
19	24	32	576	1,024	768
20	29	28	841	784	812
21	32	25	1,024	625	800
22	22	33	484	1,089	726
23	31	25	961	625	775
24	34	15	1,156	225	510
25	24	26	576	676	624
26	25	24	625	576	600
27	21	30	441	900	630
28	31	22	961	484	682
29	19	22	361	484	418
30	22	26	484	676	572
31	21	25	441	625	525
32	22	16	484	256	352
33	18	19	324	361	342
34	22	16	484	256	352
35	24	20	576	400	480
36	12	31	144	961	372
37	22	24	484	576	528
38	26	19	676	361	494
39	19	20	361	400	380
40	25	21	625	441	525

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Economic Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
41	22	26	484	676	572
42	32	21	1,024	441	672
43	Missing Score				
44	27	21	729	441	567
45	24	21	576	441	504
46	22	17	484	289	374
47	25	28	625	784	700
48	22	25	484	625	550
49	15	27	225	729	405
50	13	36	169	1,296	468
51	21	22	441	484	462
52	23	28	529	784	644
53	25	18	625	324	450
54	20	21	400	441	420
55	20	23	400	529	460
56	24	20	576	400	480
57	26	24	676	576	624
58	24	30	576	900	720
59	25	32	625	1,024	800
60	26	21	676	441	546
61	28	21	784	441	588
62	29	22	841	484	638
63	28	23	784	529	644
64	20	24	400	576	480
65	25	21	625	441	525
66	29	22	841	484	638
67	21	18	441	324	378
68	17	30	289	900	510
69	24	21	576	441	504
70	24	23	576	529	552
71	33	18	1,089	324	594
72	22	17	484	289	374
73	16	41	256	1,681	656
74	32	25	1,024	625	800
75	21	26	441	676	546
76	32	30	1,024	900	960
77	30	27	900	729	810
78	28	26	784	676	728
79	31	24	961	576	744
80	38	24	1,444	576	912

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Economic Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
81	20	26	400	676	520
82	31	23	961	529	713
83	31	30	961	900	930
84	29	31	841	961	899
85	33	29	1,089	841	957
86	25	34	625	1,156	850
87	32	26	1,024	676	832
88	33	35	1,089	1,225	1,155
89	36	28	1,296	784	1,008
90	31	30	961	900	930
91	30	27	900	729	810
92	28	31	784	961	868
93	33	33	1,089	1,089	1,089
94	35	33	1,225	1,089	1,155
95	39	41	1,521	1,681	1,599
96	28	40	784	1,600	1,120
97	31	35	961	1,225	1,085
98	44	35	1,936	1,225	1,540
99	44	46	1,936	2,116	2,024
100	27	31	729	961	837
101	30	30	900	900	900
102	32	23	1,024	529	736
103	27	29	729	841	783
104	26	29	676	841	754
105	32	26	1,024	676	832
106	33	26	1,089	676	858
107	35	25	1,225	625	875
108	22	22	484	484	484
109	23	19	529	361	437
110	20	20	400	400	400
111	23	16	529	256	368
112	20	14	400	196	280
113	14	18	196	324	252
114	24	18	576	324	432
115	Missing Score				
116	16	17	256	289	272
117	15	23	225	529	345
118	17	22	289	484	374
119	20	21	400	441	420
120	13	19	169	361	247

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient  
for Economic Scale (continued)

Subject Number	X Score	Y Score	$x^2$	$y^2$	XY
121	19	15	361	225	285
122	13	11	169	121	143
123	15	11	225	121	165
124	13	17	169	289	221
125	18	11	324	121	198
126	17	16	289	256	272
127	17	17	289	289	289
128	13	17	169	289	221
129	15	14	225	196	210
130	17	18	289	324	306
131	19	15	361	225	285
132	18	16	324	256	288
133	21	19	441	361	399
134	16	14	256	196	224
135	25	18	625	324	450
136	20	19	400	361	380
137	18	14	324	196	252
138	19	15	361	225	285
139	17	16	289	256	272
140	17	14	289	196	238
141	13	12	169	144	156
142	12	11	144	121	132
Total	3,391	3,323	88,057	85,019	83,503

Pearson Product Moment  
Economic Scale

N	=	140	$(\sum X)^2$	=	11,498,881
$\sum X$	=	3,391	$(\sum X)(\sum Y)$	=	11,268,293
$\sum Y$	=	3,323	$(\sum Y)^2$	=	11,042,329
$\sum X^2$	=	98,057	$N\sum X^2$	=	12,327,980
$\sum Y^2$	=	85,019	$N\sum Y^2$	=	11,902,660
$\sum XY$	=	83,503	$N\sum XY$	=	11,690,420

$$r = \frac{N\sum XY - (\sum X)(\sum Y)}{\sqrt{[N\sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2][N\sum Y^2 - (\sum Y)^2]}}$$

$$r = \frac{11,690,420 - 11,268,293}{\sqrt{(12,327,980 - 11,498,881)(11,902,660 - 11,042,329)}}$$

$$r = \frac{422,127}{\sqrt{(829,099)(860,331)}}$$

$$r = \frac{422,127}{\sqrt{713,299,571,769}}$$

$$r = \frac{422,127}{844,570.64}$$

$$r = .4998$$

Pearson Product Moment  
Economic Scale (continued)

$$\text{Reliability on Full Test} = \frac{2 \times \text{Reliability } \frac{1}{2} \text{ Test}}{1 + \text{Reliability } \frac{1}{2} \text{ Test}}$$

$$r = \frac{2 \times .4998}{1 + .4998}$$

$$r = \frac{.9996}{1.4998}$$

$$r = .67$$



APPENDIX B  
THE INSTRUMENT

## INTRODUCTION

This questionnaire is an attempt to get your opinion on some important issues. We are interested only in YOUR agreement or disagreement with the following statements. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The best answer is your HONEST, FRANK opinion. All we ask is that you:

- a. Read each statement carefully and mark it according to your first reaction. It isn't necessary to take a lot of time for any one question.
- b. Answer every question.
- c. Give your personal point of view. Don't talk about the questions with anyone until you have finished.
- d. Be as sincere, accurate, and complete as possible.

For every item, please check your personal reaction to the statement according to the following code:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
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For every item please check (✓) your personal reaction to the statement according to the following code:

SD = Strongly Disagree

D = Disagree

U = Undecided

A = Agree

SA = Strongly Agree

	SD	D	U	A	SA
1. It takes greater effort to get along socially at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
2. It is more desirable to attend four-year colleges rather than community colleges.					
3. Campus life at community colleges is "dullsville" compared to life at four-year colleges.					
4. Four-year colleges are more attractive than community colleges.					
5. It is easier to violate rules at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
6. Students at four-year colleges are more open-minded than students at community colleges.					
7. Four-year colleges provide more ideas for social improvement than community colleges.					
8. There is more immoral behavior at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
9. I would enjoy myself more at a four-year college than at a community college.					
10. There are more advantages at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
11. Social life is better at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
12. There is greater opportunity to be sociable at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					

	SD	D	U	A	SA
13. Social events at four-year colleges rate more highly than social events at community colleges.					
14. Four-year colleges are more satisfying than community colleges.					
15. There are more students from all walks of life at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
16. Students' talents are better developed by four-year colleges than by community colleges.					
17. Students at four-year colleges are more satisfied than students at community colleges.					
18. It is more desirable to mix and mingle with the crowd at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
19. Four-year colleges offer more freedom than community colleges.					
20. Upperclassmen accept new students more quickly at community colleges than they do at four-year colleges.					
21. The best social life is experienced at four-year colleges instead of community colleges.					
22. There are more social advantages at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					
23. Four-year colleges are better than community colleges.					
24. Students learn more about people by attending four-year colleges than by attending community colleges.					
25. Social life is more desirable at four-year colleges than at community colleges.					

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM

You do not have to give your name. Responses cannot be identified.  
Please be as accurate as possible and complete every item.

1. Sex: M or F  
(Circle)
2. High School: \_\_\_\_\_
3. By placing an "X" in the appropriate blank, please indicate the highest level of education for your father and mother.

FATHERMOTHER

_____ Received graduate school degree	_____
_____ Attended graduate school	_____
_____ Received a two (2) year college degree	_____
_____ Received a four (4) year college degree	_____
_____ Attended a two-year college	_____
_____ Attended a four (4) year college	_____
_____ Attended technical, special school beyond high school	_____
_____ Received high school diploma	_____
_____ Attended high school	_____
_____ Completed elementary school	_____
_____ Completed less than seven grades	_____

4. How many brothers and sisters do you have?

_____ Brothers	_____ Sisters
(Number)	(Number)

5. By placing an "X" in the appropriate blank, please indicate when you decided what you would do after graduation.

_____	Have not yet decided
_____	Decided this school year
_____	Decided in the eleventh grade
_____	Decided before the eleventh grade

6. By placing an "X" in the appropriate blank, please indicate the category in which your father's and mother's occupations would fall.

<u>FATHER</u>				<u>MOTHER</u>		
<u>OWNER</u>	<u>MANAGER</u>	<u>LABORER</u>		<u>OWNER</u>	<u>MANAGER</u>	<u>LABORER</u>
_____	_____	_____	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Mining	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Construction	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Manufacturing	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Transportation, communi- cation, other public utilities	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Wholesale and retail trade	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Finance, insurance, real estate	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Business and repair services	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Personal services	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Entertainment and recre- ation services	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Professional and related services	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Public administration	_____	_____	_____
			Housewife _____			
			Unemployed: Father _____ Mother _____			

7. How much education do you intend to get? How much education should today's senior get for tomorrow's world? Please indicate by placing an "X" in the appropriate blanks.

<u>I Expect to Achieve (Mark One)</u>		<u>Level of Education That a Senior Should Achieve for Tomorrow's World (Mark One)</u>
_____	Graduate School degree	_____
_____	Attend Graduate School	_____
_____	Receive College Degree	_____
_____	Attend College	_____
_____	Attend technical, special school	_____
_____	Receive high school diploma	_____

8. Which of these occupational groups do you intend to select when you enter the job market? Please indicate by placing an "X" in the appropriate blank.

Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	_____
Mining	_____
Construction	_____
Manufacturing	_____
Transportation, communication, other public utilities	_____
Wholesale and retail trade	_____
Finance, insurance, real estate	_____
Business and repair services	_____
Personal services	_____
Entertainment and recreation services	_____
Professional and related services	_____
Public administration	_____

9. Who had the most influence on your educational aspirations?  
Please indicate by placing ONLY one "X" in the appropriate blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ Father  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sister  
\_\_\_\_\_ Relative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Principal  
\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher  
\_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friends  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

10. After you graduate, which of the following do you plan to do?  
Select only one answer by placing an "X" in the appropriate blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend a two (2) year college  
\_\_\_\_\_ Attend a four (4) year college  
\_\_\_\_\_ Attend other type of post-secondary school  
\_\_\_\_\_ Enter military service  
\_\_\_\_\_ Get a job  
\_\_\_\_\_ Travel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Get married (no outside job)  
\_\_\_\_\_ No definite plans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Do not know

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS INSTRUMENT



APPENDIX C  
BACK-UP TABLES

Table 9-A  
Educational Levels of Buchanan County Seniors' Fathers

Categories	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	5.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Attended Graduate School	1	2.4	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	2.6	2	5.7
Received Two-Year College Degree	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.3	0	0.0	1	2.9
Received Four-Year College Degree	1	2.4	3	6.4	2	1.3	0	0.0	1	2.9
Attended a Two-Year College	0	0.0	1	2.1	1	.7	1	2.6	0	0.0
Attended a Four-Year College	0	0.0	1	2.1	3	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	2	4.8	1	2.1	9	5.9	0	0.0	1	2.9
Received High School Diploma	3	7.1	2	4.3	28	18.3	2	5.3	5	14.3
Attended High School	13	31.0	14	29.8	43	28.1	9	23.7	9	25.7
Completed Elementary School	3	7.1	4	8.5	18	11.8	10	26.3	6	17.1
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	18	42.9	18	38.3	30	20.0	15	39.5	10	28.6
No Response	1	2.4	2	4.3	9	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 9-B

## Educational Levels of Dickenson County Seniors' Fathers

Categories	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	7	7.9	3	3.8	0	0.0
Attended Graduate School	1	1.1	2	2.5	0	0.0
Received Two-Year College Degree	1	1.1	1	1.3	0	0.0
Received Four-Year College Degree	1	1.1	6	7.6	1	2.4
Attended a Two-Year College	0	0.0	2	2.5	0	0.0
Attended a Four-Year College	0	0.0	2	2.5	0	0.0
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	7	7.9	2	2.5	7	16.7
Received a High School Diploma	17	19.1	7	8.9	6	14.3
Attended High School	20	22.5	16	20.3	14	33.3
Completed Elementary School	18	20.2	21	26.6	8	19.0
Completed Less than Seven Grades	13	14.6	17	21.5	6	14.3
No Response	4	4.5	2	2.5	0	0.0
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 9-C

## Educational Levels of Russell County Seniors' Fathers

Category	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	3	3.7	4	4.2	14	10.6
Attended Graduate School	0	0.0	1	1.0	3	2.3
Received Two-Year College Degree	1	1.2	1	1.0	3	2.3
Received Four-Year College Degree	2	2.5	1	1.0	2	1.5
Attended a Two-Year College	1	1.2	1	1.0	0	0.0
Attended a Four-Year College	3	3.7	1	1.0	1	0.8
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	4	4.9	6	6.3	9	6.8
Received a High School Diploma	21	25.9	10	10.4	29	22.0
Attended High School	25	30.9	27	28.1	37	28.0
Completed Elementary School	8	9.9	15	15.6	11	8.3
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	10	12.3	27	28.1	20	15.2
No Response	3	3.7	2	2.1	3	2.3
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0

Table 9-D

## Educational Levels of Tazewell County Seniors' Fathers

Categories	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	5	4.4	0	0.0	7	3.3	8	5.6
Attended Graduate School	5	4.4	1	2.7	3	1.4	2	1.4
Received Two-Year College Degree	6	5.3	0	0.0	7	3.3	3	2.1
Received Four-Year College Degree	3	2.7	0	0.0	8	3.8	6	4.2
Attended a Two-Year College	3	2.7	0	0.0	2	0.9	2	1.4
Attended a Four-Year College	2	1.8	0	0.0	6	2.8	5	3.5
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	14	12.4	3	8.1	26	12.2	11	7.7
Received High School Diploma	33	29.2	9	24.3	35	16.4	41	28.7
Attended High School	27	23.9	12	32.4	51	23.9	24	16.8
Completed Elementary School	6	5.3	6	16.2	22	10.3	10	7.0
Completed Less than Seven Grades	4	3.5	6	16.2	36	16.9	27	18.9
No Response	5	4.4	0	0.0	10	4.7	4	2.8
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 10-A

## Educational Levels of Buchanan County Seniors' Mothers

Categories	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	5.2	2	5.3	1	2.9
Attended Graduate School	2	4.8	0	0.0	3	2.0	1	2.6	0	0.0
Received Two-Year College Degree	0	0.0	1	2.1	4	2.6	0	0.0	3	8.6
Received Four-Year College Degree	2	4.8	1	2.1	4	2.6	1	2.6	0	0.0
Attended a Two-Year College	1	2.4	3	6.4	2	1.3	0	0.0	2	5.7
Attended a Four-Year College	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Attended Technical, Special School										
Beyond High School	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.0	1	2.6	1	2.9
Received High School Diploma	10	23.8	7	14.9	36	23.5	4	10.5	9	25.7
Attended High School	10	23.8	16	34.0	53	34.6	16	42.1	9	25.7
Completed Elementary School	9	21.4	8	17.0	10	6.5	7	18.4	6	17.1
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	7	16.7	8	17.0	17	11.1	6	15.8	2	5.7
No Response	1	2.4	3	6.4	8	5.2	0	0.0	2	5.7
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 10-B

## Educational Levels of Dickenson County Seniors' Mothers

Categories	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	3	3.4	2	2.5	1	2.4
Attended Graduate School	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Received Two-Year College Degree	2	2.2	1	1.3	2	4.8
Received Four-Year College Degree	1	1.1	3	3.8	0	0.0
Attended a Two-Year College	2	2.2	3	3.8	0	0.0
Attended a Four-Year College	4	4.5	5	6.3	0	0.0
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	2	2.2	2	2.5	2	4.8
Received High School Diploma	24	27.0	11	13.9	9	21.4
Attended High School	26	29.2	20	25.3	18	42.9
Completed Elementary School	13	14.6	18	22.8	4	9.5
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	6	6.7	12	15.2	4	9.5
No Response	5	5.6	2	2.5	2	4.8
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 10-C

## Educational Levels of Russell County Seniors' Mothers

Category	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	1	1.2	4	4.2	8	6.1
Attended Graduate School	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	3.0
Received Two-Year College Degree	2	2.5	3	3.1	3	2.3
Received Four-Year College Degree	1	1.2	2	2.1	7	5.3
Attended a Two-Year College	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	3.8
Attended a Four-Year College	3	3.7	0	0.0	1	0.8
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	5	6.2	2	2.1	4	3.0
Received High School Diploma	27	33.3	22	22.9	42	31.8
Attended High School	29	35.8	37	38.5	41	31.1
Completed Elementary School	5	6.2	11	11.5	9	6.8
Completed Less Than Seven Grades	6	7.4	11	11.5	4	3.0
No Response	2	2.5	4	4.2	4	3.0
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0



Table 10-D

## Educational Levels of Tazewell County Seniors' Mothers

Categories	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Received Graduate School Degree	7	6.2	0	0.0	10	4.7	5	3.5
Attended Graduate School	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.4	1	0.7
Received Two-Year College Degree	7	6.2	1	2.7	5	2.3	1	0.7
Received Four-Year College Degree	4	3.5	0	0.0	6	2.8	8	5.6
Attended a Two-Year College	5	4.4	0	0.0	1	0.5	4	2.8
Attended a Four-Year College	3	2.7	0	0.0	1	0.5	4	2.8
Attended Technical, Special School Beyond High School	9	8.0	1	2.7	13	6.1	8	5.6
Received High School Diploma	39	34.5	15	40.5	66	31.0	52	36.4
Attended High School	21	18.6	13	35.1	66	31.0	34	23.8
Completed Elementary School	2	1.8	3	8.1	17	8.0	10	7.0
Completed Less than Seven Grades	5	4.4	3	8.1	17	8.0	13	9.1
No Response	11	9.7	1	2.7	10	4.7	4	2.8
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 11-A  
 Frequency of Three Levels of Education  
 for Buchanan County Seniors'  
 Fathers and Mothers

Level of Education	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
No Response	7	2.6	10	3.7
High Level	39	14.3	45	16.5
Medium Level	33	12.1	53	19.4
Low Level	194	71.1	165	60.4
Total	273	100.0	273	100.0

Table 11-B

Frequency of Three Levels of Education  
for Dickenson County Seniors'  
Fathers and Mothers

Level of Education	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
No Response	2	1.1	6	3.2
High Level	36	19.1	34	18.1
Medium Level	28	14.9	41	21.8
Low Level	122	64.9	107	57.0
Total	188	100.0	188	100.0

Table 11-C  
 Frequency of Three Levels of Education  
 for Russell County Seniors'  
 Fathers and Mothers

Level of Education	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
No Response	6	2.2	7	2.5
High Level	57	20.6	50	18.1
Medium Level	53	19.1	83	30.0
Low Level	161	58.1	137	49.5
Total	277	100.0	277	100.0

Table 11-D  
Frequency of Three Levels of Education  
for Tazewell County Seniors'  
Fathers and Mothers

Level of Education	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
No Response	10	2.2	16	3.6
High Level	128	28.7	100	22.4
Medium Level	106	23.8	156	35.0
Low Level	202	45.3	174	39.0
Total	446	100.0	446	100.0

Table 12-A

## Occupations of Buchanan County Seniors' Fathers by Thirteen Classifications

Occupational Classifications	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	2	4.8	0	0.0	1	0.7	2	5.3	0	0.0
Mining	17	40.5	29	61.7	82	53.6	16	42.1	27	77.1
Construction	4	9.5	1	2.1	6	3.9	3	7.9	0	0.0
Manufacturing	2	4.8	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	1	2.4	1	2.1	5	3.3	3	7.9	1	2.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0	1	2.1	11	7.2	1	2.6	0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Business and Repair Services	1	2.4	2	4.3	9	5.9	2	5.3	1	2.9
Personal Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.0	1	2.6	0	0.0
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	1	2.4	0	0.0	3	2.0	0	0.0	1	2.9
Public Administration	2	4.8	1	2.1	2	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unemployed	9	21.4	10	21.3	11	7.2	9	23.7	3	8.6
No Response	3	7.1	2	4.3	17	11.1	1	2.6	2	5.7
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 12-B

Occupations of Dickenson County Seniors' Fathers  
by Thirteen Classifications

Occupational Classifications	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	1	1.1	5	6.3	2	4.8
Mining	49	55.1	41	51.9	22	52.4
Construction	5	5.6	3	3.8	5	11.9
Manufacturing	0	0.0	3	3.8	2	4.8
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	5	5.6	5	6.3	0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7	7.9	2	2.5	0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0
Business and Repair Services	2	2.2	0	0.0	1	2.4
Personal Services	0	0.0	2	2.5	1	2.4
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	6	6.7	3	3.8	1	2.4
Public Administration	1	1.1	1	1.3	0	0.0
Unemployed	6	6.7	11	13.9	6	14.3
No Response	7	7.9	1	1.3	2	4.8
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 12-C

## Occupations of Russell County Seniors' Fathers by Thirteen Classifications

Occupational Classification	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	9	11.1	4	4.2	16	12.1
Mining	44	54.3	45	46.9	29	22.0
Construction	6	7.4	6	6.3	22	16.7
Manufacturing	0	0.0	1	1.0	13	9.8
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	4	4.9	7	7.3	8	6.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2	2.5	4	4.2	5	3.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1	1.2	0	0.0	2	1.5
Business and Repair Services	0	0.0	3	3.1	6	4.5
Personal Services	0	0.0	4	4.2	3	2.3
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.5
Professional and Related Services	2	2.5	2	2.1	7	5.3
Public Administration	3	3.7	1	1.0	6	4.5
Unemployed	4	4.9	10	10.4	8	6.1
No Response	6	7.4	9	9.4	5	3.8
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0



Table 12-D

## Occupations of Tazewell County Seniors' Fathers by Thirteen Classifications

Occupational Classification	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	1	0.9	0	0.0	3	1.4	9	6.3
Mining	19	16.8	20	54.1	96	45.1	43	30.1
Construction	5	4.4	0	0.0	19	8.9	11	7.7
Manufacturing	7	6.2	1	2.7	15	7.0	3	2.1
Transportation, Communication, or Other Public Utilities	16	14.2	0	0.0	4	1.9	11	7.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	14	12.4	1	2.7	11	5.2	6	4.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	4	3.5	0	0.0	5	2.3	3	2.1
Business and Repair Services	15	13.3	2	5.4	12	5.6	10	7.0
Personal Services	1	0.9	1	2.7	1	0.5	0	0.0
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	11	9.7	0	.0	8	3.8	13	9.1
Public Administration	3	2.7	1	2.7	4	1.9	2	1.4
Unemployed	6	5.3	11	29.7	19	8.9	12	8.4
No Response	11	9.7	0	0.0	15	7.0	17	11.9
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 13-A

## Occupations of Buchanan County Seniors' Mothers by Fourteen Classifications

Occupational Classifications	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mining	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Construction	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Manufacturing	4	9.5	0	0.0	6	3.9	1	2.6	0	0.0
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	0	0.0	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	5.9	1	2.6	2	5.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	2.6	0	0.0
Business and Repair Services	0	0.0	1	2.1	3	2.0	1	2.6	0	0.0
Personal Services	2	4.8	4	8.5	1	0.7	2	5.3	3	8.6
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.6	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	2	4.8	0	0.0	10	6.5	1	2.6	3	8.6
Public Administration	2	4.8	3	6.4	7	4.6	2	5.3	2	5.7
Housewife	31	73.8	36	76.6	98	64.1	23	60.5	22	62.9
Unemployed	0	0.0	1	2.1	2	1.3	3	7.9	0	0.0
No Response	1	2.4	1	2.1	15	9.8	2	5.3	3	8.6
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 13-B

## Occupations of Dickenson County Seniors' Mothers by Fourteen Classifications

Occupational Classifications	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mining	0	0.0	4	5.1	0	0.0
Construction	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0
Manufacturing	1	1.1	2	2.5	3	7.1
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	3	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7	7.9	4	5.1	1	2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1	1.1	0	0.0	1	2.4
Business and Repair Services	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0
Personal Services	2	2.2	3	3.8	1	2.4
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	2	2.5	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	7	7.9	3	3.8	1	2.4
Public Administration	4	4.5	2	2.5	3	7.1
Housewife	59	66.3	50	63.3	29	69.0
Unemployed	2	2.2	5	6.3	0	0.0
No Response	3	3.4	2	2.5	3	7.1
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 13-C

## Occupations of Russell County Seniors' Mothers by Fourteen Classifications

Occupational Classification	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mining	0	0.0	1	1.0	0	0.0
Construction	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Manufacturing	8	9.9	5	5.2	22	16.7
Transportation, Communications, Other Public Utilities	1	1.2	3	3.1	3	2.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1	1.2	1	1.0	6	4.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.3
Business and Repair Services	1	1.2	1	1.0	1	0.8
Personal Services	4	4.9	4	4.2	6	4.5
Entertainment and Recreation Services	1	1.2	0	0.0	1	0.8
Professional and Related Services	2	2.5	2	2.1	8	6.1
Public Administration	4	4.9	6	6.3	3	2.3
Housewife	57	70.4	64	66.7	70	53.0
Unemployed	0	0.0	1	1.0	2	2.1
No Response	2	2.5	8	8.3	7	5.3
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0

Table 13-D

## Occupations of Tazewell County Seniors' Mothers by Fourteen Classifications

Occupational Classification	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.4
Mining	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.7
Construction	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.9	1	0.7
Manufacturing	4	3.5	0	0.0	10	4.7	4	2.8
Transportation, Communications, or Other Public Utilities	2	1.8	0	0.0	3	1.4	4	2.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9	8.0	2	5.4	10	4.7	9	6.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1	0.9	0	0.0	4	1.9	1	0.7
Business and Repair Services	11	9.7	0	0.0	3	1.4	2	1.4
Personal Services	9	8.0	0	0.0	13	6.1	7	4.9
Entertainment and Recreation Services	1	0.9	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.7
Professional and Related Services	16	14.2	0	0.0	18	8.5	10	7.0
Public Administration	3	2.7	2	5.4	15	7.0	9	6.3
Housewife	51	45.1	33	89.2	122	57.3	79	55.2
Unemployed	2	1.8	0	0.0	2	0.9	5	3.5
No Response	4	3.5	0	0.0	1	4.2	8	5.6
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 14-A  
Occupational Levels of Fathers in Buchanan County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Council	42	12	28.6	5	11.9	4	9.5	21	50.0
Garden	47	12	25.5	5	10.6	5	10.6	25	53.2
Grundy	153	28	18.3	30	19.6	28	18.3	67	43.8
Hurley	38	11	28.9	7	18.4	2	5.3	18	47.4
Whitewood	35	5	14.3	2	5.7	2	5.7	26	74.3
Total	315	68	21.6	49	15.6	41	13.0	157	49.8

\*Includes no response and unemployed.

Table 14-B

## Occupational Levels of Fathers in Dickenson County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Clintwood	89	13	14.6	21	23.6	9	10.1	46	51.7
Haysi	79	12	15.2	16	20.3	8	10.1	43	54.4
Irvinton	42	8	19.0	4	9.5	4	9.5	26	61.9
Total	210	33	15.6	41	19.5	21	10.0	115	54.8

\*Includes no response and unemployed.

Table 14-C

## Occupational Levels of Fathers in Russell County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Castlewood	81	10	12.3	9	11.1	12	14.8	50	61.7
Honaker	96	19	19.8	16	16.7	8	8.3	53	55.2
Lebanon	132	13	9.8	29	22.0	15	11.4	75	56.8
Total	309	42	13.6	54	17.5	35	11.3	178	57.6

\*Includes no response and unemployed.



Table 14-D

## Occupational Levels of Fathers in Tazewell County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graham	113	17	15.0	14	12.4	22	19.5	60	53.1
Pocahontas	37	11	29.7	2	5.4	6	16.2	18	48.6
Richlands	213	34	16.0	35	16.4	40	18.8	104	48.8
Tazewell	143	29	20.3	25	17.5	21	14.7	68	47.6
Total	506	91	18.0	76	15.0	89	17.6	250	49.4

\*Includes no response and unemployed.

Table 15-A

## Occupational Levels of Mothers in Buchanan County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Council	42	32	76.2	1	2.4	1	2.4	8	19.0
Garden	47	38	80.9	1	2.1	0	0.0	8	17.0
Grundy	153	115	75.2	5	3.3	7	4.6	26	17.0
Hurley	38	29	76.3	2	5.3	3	7.9	4	10.5
Whitewood	35	25	71.4	1	2.9	3	8.6	6	17.1
Total	315	239	75.9	10	3.1	14	4.4	52	16.5

Table 15-B

## Occupational Levels of Mothers in Dickenson County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Clintwood	89	64	71.9	4	4.5	6	6.7	15	16.9
Haysi	79	57	72.2	6	7.6	5	6.3	11	13.9
Irvinton	42	32	76.2	1	2.4	1	2.4	8	19.0
Total	210	153	72.9	11	5.2	12	5.7	34	16.2

\*Includes no response, housewife, and unemployed.

Table 15-C  
Occupational Levels of Mothers in Russell County

School	N	Others*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Castlewood	81	59	72.8	0	0.0	3	3.7	19	23.5
Honaker	96	73	76.0	4	4.2	3	3.1	16	16.7
Lebanon	132	79	59.8	3	2.3	3	2.3	47	35.6
Total	309	211	68.3	7	2.3	9	2.9	82	26.5

\*Includes no response, housewife, and unemployed.

Table 15-D

## Occupational Levels of Mothers in Tazewell County

School	N	Other*		Owner		Manager		Laborer	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graham	113	57	50.4	3	2.7	9	8.0	44	38.9
Pocahontas	37	33	89.2	1	2.7	0	0.0	3	8.1
Richlands	213	133	62.4	10	4.7	11	5.2	59	27.7
Tazewell	143	92	64.3	3	2.1	9	6.3	39	27.3
Total	506	315	62.2	17	3.4	29	5.7	145	28.7

\*Includes no response, housewife, and unemployed.

Table 16-A  
 Frequency of Four Levels of Occupations  
 for Buchanan County Seniors'  
 Fathers and Mothers

Level of Occupation	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
High Level (White Collar)	39	14.3	50	18.3
Low Level (Blue Collar)	197	72.2	23	8.4
Unemployed	37	13.6	0	0.0
Housewife	0	0.0	200	73.3
Total	273	100.0	273	100.0

Table 16-B  
 Frequency of Four Levels of Occupations  
 for Dickenson County Seniors'  
 Fathers and Mothers

Level of Occupation	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
High Level (White Collar)	26	13.8	35	18.6
Low Level (Blue Collar)	141	75.0	20	10.6
Unemployed	21	11.2	0	0.0
Housewife	0	0.0	133	70.7
Total	188	100.0	188	100.0

Table 16-C  
 Frequency of Four Levels of Occupations  
 for Russell County Seniors'  
 Fathers and Mothers

Level of Occupation	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
High Level (White Collar)	46	16.6	38	13.7
Low Level (Blue Collar)	212	76.5	56	20.2
Unemployed	19	6.9	0	0.0
Housewife	0	0.0	183	66.1
Total	277	100.0	277	100.0



Table 16-D  
Frequency of Four Levels of Occupations  
for Tazewell County Seniors'  
Fathers and Mothers

Level of Occupation	Fathers		Mothers	
	#	%	#	%
High Level (White Collar)	122	27.4	122	27.4
Low Level (Blue Collar)	281	63.0	57	12.8
Unemployed	43	9.6	0	0.0
Housewife	0	0.0	267	59.9
Total	446	100.0	446	100.0

Table 17-A

## Intended Occupations of Buchanan County Seniors

Occupational Categories	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	1	2.4	1	2.1	4	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mining	10	23.8	12	25.5	26	17.0	10	26.3	7	20.0
Construction	2	4.8	4	8.5	7	4.6	1	2.6	2	5.7
Manufacturing	4	9.5	1	2.1	3	2.0	0	0.0	1	2.9
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	0	0.0	1	2.1	5	3.3	3	7.9	0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2	4.8	4	10.6	6	3.9	1	2.6	0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1	2.4	1	2.1	8	5.2	0	0.0	1	2.9
Business and Repair Services	6	14.3	3	6.4	12	7.8	5	13.2	6	17.1
Personal Services	5	11.9	7	14.9	12	7.8	7	18.4	6	17.1
Entertainment and Recreation Services	2	4.8	0	0.0	5	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional and Related Services	5	11.9	6	12.8	28	18.3	3	7.9	7	20.0
Public Administration	3	7.1	4	8.5	11	7.2	3	7.9	4	11.4
No Response	1	2.4	2	4.3	26	17.0	5	13.2	1	2.9
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 17-B

## Intended Occupations of Dickenson County Seniors

Occupational Category	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	3	2.2	2	2.5	3	7.1
Mining	27	30.3	21	26.6	7	16.7
Construction	5	5.6	6	7.6	8	19.0
Manufacturing	1	1.1	3	3.8	3	4.8
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	4	4.5	1	1.3	4	9.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8	9.0	1	1.3	2	4.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1	1.1	1	1.3	0	0.0
Business and Repair Services	5	5.6	8	10.1	2	4.8
Personal Services	6	6.7	9	11.4	3	7.1
Entertainment and Recreation Services	4	4.5	2	2.5	2	4.8
Professional and Related Services	15	16.9	7	8.9	2	4.8
Public Administration	5	5.6	13	16.5	5	11.9
No Response	6	6.7	5	6.3	2	4.8
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 17-C

## Intended Occupations of Russell County Seniors

Occupational Category	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	4	4.9	4	4.2	3	2.3
Mining	16	19.8	21	21.9	24	18.2
Construction	7	8.6	5	5.2	11	8.3
Manufacturing	3	3.7	4	4.2	5	3.8
Transportation, Communication, Other Public Utilities	3	3.7	7	7.3	8	6.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	0	0.0	3	3.1	3	2.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	3	3.7	1	1.0	3	2.3
Business and Repair Services	14	17.3	5	5.2	18	13.6
Personal Services	10	12.3	12	12.5	9	6.8
Entertainment and Recreation Services	0	0.0	4	4.2	5	3.8
Professional and Related Services	18	22.2	15	15.6	29	22.0
Public Administration	2	2.5	10	10.4	8	6.1
No Response	1	1.2	5	5.2	6	4.5
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0

Table 17-D

## Intended Occupations of Tazewell County Seniors

Occupational Category	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	4	3.5	1	2.7	3	1.4	4	2.8
Mining	7	6.2	11	29.7	46	21.6	13	9.1
Construction	6	5.3	0	0.0	9	4.2	11	7.7
Manufacturing	1	0.9	5	13.5	3	1.4	5	3.5
Transportation, Communication, or Other Public Utilities	5	4.4	0	0.0	6	2.8	5	3.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10	8.8	1	2.7	18	8.5	8	5.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	3	2.7	2	5.4	7	3.3	5	3.5
Business and Repair Services	20	17.7	3	8.1	21	9.9	16	11.2
Personal Services	5	4.4	3	8.1	12	5.6	12	8.4
Entertainment and Recreation Services	4	3.5	0	0.0	3	1.4	4	2.8
Professional and Related Services	38	33.6	5	13.5	66	31.0	42	29.4
Public Administration	5	4.4	5	13.5	8	3.8	9	6.3
No Response	5	4.4	1	2.7	11	5.2	9	6.3
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 18-A

## Level of Education Buchanan County Seniors Expect to Achieve

Levels of Education	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	3	9.5	2	4.3	17	11.1	1	2.6	4	11.4
Attend Graduate School	0	0.0	1	2.1	2	1.3	0	0.0	1	2.9
Receive College Degree	5	11.9	6	12.8	25	16.3	2	5.3	6	17.1
Attend College	5	11.9	4	8.5	19	12.4	0	0.0	5	14.3
Attend Technical, Special School	4	9.5	9	19.1	11	7.2	3	7.9	2	5.7
Receive High School Diploma	23	54.8	21	44.7	67	43.8	32	84.2	16	45.7
No Response	1	2.4	4	8.5	12	7.8	0	0.0	1	2.9
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 18-B

## Level of Education Dickenson County Seniors Expect to Achieve

Levels of Education	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	7	7.9	6	7.6	1	2.4
Attend Graduate School	0	0.0	3	3.8	0	0.0
Receive College Degree	18	20.2	14	17.7	7	16.7
Attend College	7	7.9	8	10.1	2	4.8
Attend Technical, Special School	13	14.6	6	7.6	3	7.1
Receive High School Diploma	41	46.1	38	48.1	29	69.0
No response	3	3.4	4	5.1	0	0.0
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 18-C

## Level of Education Russell County Seniors Expect to Achieve

Level of Education	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	4	4.9	11	11.5	11	8.3
Attend Graduate School	1	1.2	3	3.1	1	0.8
Receive College Degree	24	29.6	17	17.7	29	22.0
Attend College	13	16.0	9	9.4	18	13.6
Attend Technical, Special School	6	7.4	5	5.2	15	11.4
Receive High School Diploma	33	40.7	47	49.0	54	40.9
No Response	0	0.0	4	4.2	4	3.0
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0



Table 18-D

## Level of Education Tazewell County Seniors Expect to Achieve

Levels of Education	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	12	10.6	1	2.7	14	6.6	14	9.8
Attend Graduate School	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.4	1	0.7
Receive College Degree	35	31.0	6	16.2	47	22.1	44	30.8
Attend College	16	14.2	2	5.4	43	20.2	18	12.6
Attend Technical, Special School	15	13.3	6	16.2	16	7.5	17	11.9
Receive High School Diploma	33	29.2	21	56.8	85	39.9	45	31.5
No Response	2	1.8	1	2.7	5	2.3	4	2.8
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 19-A

## Reported Levels of Education Buchanan County Seniors Should Achieve

Levels of Education	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	3	7.1	9	19.1	17	11.1	3	7.9	2	5.7
Attend Graduate School	1	2.4	0	0.0	3	2.0	1	2.6	2	5.7
Receive College Degree	10	23.8	18	38.3	52	34.0	8	21.1	19	54.3
Attend College	11	26.2	10	21.3	15	9.8	10	26.3	5	14.3
Attend Technical, Special School	7	16.7	4	8.5	14	9.2	4	10.5	5	14.3
Receive High School Diploma	8	19.0	4	8.5	35	22.9	8	21.1	2	5.7
No Response	2	4.8	2	4.3	17	11.1	4	10.5	0	0.0
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 19-B

## Reported Levels of Education Dickenson County Seniors Should Achieve

Levels of Education	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	8	9.0	9	11.4	1	2.4
Attend Graduate School	1	1.1	1	1.3	0	0.0
Receive College Degree	24	17.0	23	29.1	13	31.0
Attend College	19	21.3	11	13.9	9	21.4
Attend Technical, Special School	17	19.1	18	22.8	8	19.0
Receive High School Diploma	13	14.6	13	16.5	11	26.2
No Response	7	7.9	4	5.1	0	0.0
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 19-C

## Reported Level of Education Russell County Seniors Should Achieve

Level of Education	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	3	3.7	11	11.5	9	6.8
Attend Graduate School	2	2.5	2	2.1	4	3.0
Receive College Degree	36	44.4	45	46.9	49	37.1
Attend College	10	12.3	12	12.5	24	18.2
Attend Technical, Special School	12	14.8	12	12.5	17	12.9
Receive High School Diploma	13	16.0	8	8.3	21	15.9
No Response	5	6.2	6	6.3	8	6.1
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0

Table 19-D

## Reported Levels of Education Tazewell County Seniors Should Achieve

Levels of Education	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate School Degree	21	18.6	1	2.7	16	7.5	13	9.1
Attend Graduate School	1	0.9	1	2.7	4	1.9	4	2.8
Receive College Degree	33	29.2	9	24.3	66	31.0	47	32.9
Attend College	21	18.6	8	21.6	49	23.0	28	19.6
Attend Technical, Special School	20	17.7	8	21.6	28	13.1	21	14.7
Receive High School Diploma	10	8.8	8	21.6	32	15.0	21	14.7
No Response	7	6.2	2	5.4	18	8.5	9	6.3
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 20-A

## Post-High School Plans of Buchanan County Seniors

Plans	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attend a Two-Year College	3	7.1	10	21.3	14	9.2	0	0.0	9	25.7
Attend a Four-Year College	4	9.5	3	6.4	34	22.2	1	2.6	4	11.4
Attend Other Type of Post-Secondary School	2	4.8	3	6.4	4	2.6	2	5.3	1	2.9
Enter Military Service	0	0.0	1	2.1	2	1.3	0	0.0	1	2.9
Get a Job	25	59.5	20	42.6	52	34.0	20	52.6	11	31.4
Travel	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Get Married (No Outside Job)	2	4.8	5	10.6	12	7.8	3	7.9	3	8.6
No Definite Plans	1	2.4	1	2.1	15	9.8	11	28.9	4	11.4
Do Not Know	3	7.1	3	6.4	7	4.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
No Response	2	4.8	1	2.1	12	7.8	1	2.6	2	5.7
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 20-B

## Post-High School Plans of Dickenson County Seniors

Plans	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attend a Two-Year College	10	11.2	7	8.9	2	4.8
Attend a Four-Year College	14	15.7	12	15.2	5	11.9
Attend Other Type of Post-Secondary School	4	4.5	3	3.8	2	4.8
Enter Military Service	2	2.2	2	2.5	2	4.8
Get a Job	34	38.2	32	40.5	25	59.5
Travel	1	1.1	5	6.3	0	0.0
Get Married (No Outside Job)	6	6.7	7	8.9	3	7.1
No Definite Plans	11	12.4	5	6.3	2	4.8
Do Not Know	4	4.5	4	5.1	1	2.4
No Response	3	3.4	2	2.5	0	0.0
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 20-C  
Post-High School Plans of Russell County Seniors

Plans	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attend a Two-Year College	18	22.2	20	20.8	26	19.7
Attend a Four-Year College	16	19.8	10	10.4	15	11.4
Attend Other Type of Post-Secondary School	1	1.2	2	2.1	2	1.5
Enter Military Service	1	1.2	0	0.0	6	4.5
Get a Job	32	39.5	41	42.7	63	47.7
Travel	1	1.2	0	0.0	2	1.5
Get Married (No Outside Job)	4	4.9	7	7.3	2	1.5
No Definite Plans	5	6.2	6	6.3	5	3.8
Do Not Know	2	2.5	5	5.2	7	5.3
No Response	1	1.2	5	5.2	4	3.0
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0



Table 20-D

## Post-High School Plans of Tazewell County Seniors

Plans	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attend a Two-Year College	16	14.2	2	5.4	42	19.7	31	21.7
Attend a Four-Year College	35	31.0	4	10.8	36	16.9	42	29.4
Attend Other Type of Post-Secondary School	4	3.5	1	2.7	8	3.8	7	4.9
Enter Military Service	7	6.2	1	2.7	8	3.8	9	6.3
Get a Job	33	29.2	18	48.6	82	38.5	40	28.0
Travel	1	0.9	2	5.4	3	1.4	3	2.1
Get Married (No Outside Job)	3	2.7	2	5.4	6	2.8	1	0.7
No Definite Plans	7	6.2	6	16.2	8	3.8	5	3.5
Do Not Know	3	2.7	1	2.7	9	4.2	3	2.1
No Response	4	3.5	0	0.0	11	5.2	2	1.4
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 21-A

## When Buchanan County Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans

Time	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have Not Yet Decided	9	21.4	13	27.7	46	30.1	18	47.4	10	28.6
Decided This School Year (Twelfth Grade)	12	28.6	23	48.9	55	35.9	11	28.9	12	34.3
Decided in the Eleventh Grade	13	31.0	6	12.8	22	14.4	1	2.6	8	22.9
Decided Before the Eleventh Grade	8	19.0	5	10.6	26	17.0	7	18.4	5	14.3
No Response	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.6	1	2.6	0	0.0
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 21-B

## When Dickenson County Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans

Time	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have Not Yet Decided	31	34.8	30	38.0	12	28.6
Decided This School Year (Twelfth Grade)	34	38.2	28	35.4	18	42.9
Decided in the Eleventh Grade	11	12.4	6	7.6	8	19.0
Decided Before the Eleventh Grade	13	14.6	15	19.0	3	7.1
No Response	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.4
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 21-C

## When Russell County Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans

Time	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have Not Yet Decided	21	25.9	25	26.0	37	28.0
Decided This School Year (Twelfth Grade)	30	37.0	39	40.6	62	47.0
Decided in the Eleventh Grade	12	14.8	16	16.7	14	10.6
Decided Before the Eleventh Grade	17	21.0	15	15.6	18	13.6
No Response	1	1.2	1	1.0	1	0.8
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0

Table 21-D

## When Tazewell County Seniors Decided Post-High School Plans

Time	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Have Not Yet Decided	28	24.8	12	32.4	50	23.5	30	21.0
Decided This School Year (Twelfth Grade)	48	42.5	18	48.6	106	49.8	63	44.1
Decided in the Eleventh Grade	15	13.3	4	10.8	17	8.0	23	16.1
Decided Before the Eleventh Grade	21	18.6	3	8.1	36	16.9	27	18.9
No Response	1	0.9	0	0.0	4	1.9	0	0.0
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 22-A

Significant People Who Influenced Buchanan County Seniors'  
Educational Aspirations

Person	Council		Garden		Grundy		Hurley		Whitewood	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Father	7	16.7	13	27.7	34	22.2	9	23.7	10	28.6
Mother	15	35.7	11	23.4	37	24.2	14	36.8	9	25.7
Brother	1	2.4	3	6.4	5	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sister	0	0.0	1	2.1	5	3.3	3	7.9	0	0.0
Relative	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	4.6	2	5.3	0	0.0
Principal	0	0.0	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Teacher	5	11.9	3	6.4	11	7.2	0	0.0	1	2.9
Guidance Counselor	0	0.0	3	6.4	3	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Friends	7	16.7	8	17.0	8	5.2	2	5.3	6	17.1
Other	7	16.7	4	8.5	31	20.3	6	15.8	9	25.7
No Response	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	7.8	2	5.3	0	0.0
Total	42	100.0	47	100.0	153	100.0	38	100.0	35	100.0

Table 22-B

Significant People Who Influenced Dickenson County Seniors'  
Educational Aspirations

Person	Clintwood		Haysi		Irvinton	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Father	18	20.2	15	19.0	15	35.7
Mother	23	25.8	19	24.1	12	28.6
Brother	4	4.5	2	2.5	3	7.1
Sister	6	6.7	4	5.1	0	0.0
Relative	3	3.4	2	2.5	2	4.8
Principal	0	0.0	5	6.3	0	0.0
Teacher	3	3.4	2	2.5	1	2.4
Guidance Counselor	1	1.1	4	5.1	1	2.4
Friends	4	4.5	9	11.4	2	4.8
Other	24	27.0	14	17.7	5	11.9
No Response	3	3.4	3	3.8	1	2.4
Total	89	100.0	79	100.0	42	100.0

Table 22-C

Significant People Who Influenced Russell County Seniors'  
Educational Aspirations

Person	Castlewood		Honaker		Lebanon	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Father	18	22.2	23	24.0	33	25.0
Mother	27	33.3	27	28.1	43	32.6
Brother	2	2.5	1	1.0	5	3.8
Sister	3	3.7	0	0.0	4	3.0
Relative	1	1.2	4	4.2	7	5.3
Principal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Teacher	6	7.4	5	5.2	7	5.3
Guidance Counselor	0	0.0	1	1.0	3	2.3
Friends	10	12.3	7	7.3	8	6.1
Other	13	16.1	26	27.1	19	14.4
No Response	1	1.2	2	2.1	3	2.3
Total	81	100.0	96	100.0	132	100.0



Table 22-D

Significant People Who Influenced Tazewell County Seniors'  
Educational Aspirations

Person	Graham		Pocahontas		Richlands		Tazewell	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Father	26	23.0	9	24.3	48	22.5	37	25.9
Mother	26	23.0	10	27.0	61	28.6	37	25.9
Brother	2	1.8	1	2.7	3	1.4	5	3.5
Sister	2	1.8	1	2.7	3	1.4	5	3.5
Relative	3	2.7	3	8.1	7	3.3	6	4.2
Principal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Teacher	11	9.7	2	5.4	10	4.7	4	2.8
Guidance Counselor	3	2.7	0	0.0	3	1.4	6	4.2
Friends	5	4.4	5	13.5	21	9.9	9	6.3
Other	31	27.4	6	16.2	51	23.9	31	21.7
No Response	4	3.5	0	0.0	6	2.8	3	2.1
Total	113	100.0	37	100.0	213	100.0	143	100.0

Table 50-A

## Cell Means for Buchanan County Seniors by Sex by School

Schools	Senior Males			Senior Females			M vs F	All Seniors		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	t	N	Mean	S.D.
Council	20	51.150	7.073	22	47.227	12.961	1.20	42	49.095	10.638
Garden	23	46.652	10.940	22	46.000	13.540	0.18	47	46.404	11.910
Grundy	70	51.843	12.175	79	48.684	13.828	1.47	153	50.301	13.070
Hurley	17	48.824	11.812	20	54.150	11.918	1.36	38	51.974	11.963
Whitewood	15	51.800	9.383	20	57.300	13.334	1.36	35	54.943	11.968
Total	145	50.566	11.125	163	49.853	13.706	0.50	315	50.276	12.483

Table 50-B

## Cell Means for Dickenson County Seniors by Sex by School

Schools	Senior Males			Senior Females			M vs F	All Seniors		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	t	N	Mean	S.D.
Clintwood	42	47.738	12.277	44	45.977	9.242	0.75 <sup>a</sup>	89	46.517	10.766
Haysi	37	51.568	12.593	39	43.359	10.589	3.08 <sup>b</sup>	79	47.329	12.029
Irvinton	25	49.400	11.690	17	48.647	11.483	0.21 <sup>c</sup>	42	49.095	11.472
Total	104	49.500	12.251	100	45.410	10.250	2.58 <sup>d</sup>	210	47.3381	11.3810

a<sub>p</sub> = .453.b<sub>p</sub> = .003.c<sub>p</sub> = .838.d<sub>p</sub> = .011.

Table 50-C

## Cell Means for Russell County Seniors by Sex by School

School	Senior Males			Senior Females			M vs F	All Seniors		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	t	N	Mean	S.D.
Castlewood	37	50.892	17.169	43	53.140	9.154	0.74 <sup>a</sup>	81	51.8395	13.5421
Honaker	41	52.122	12.199	54	43.889	10.754	3.49 <sup>b</sup>	96	47.5417	12.0315
Lebanon	66	48.697	13.154	65	43.031	10.822	2.69 <sup>c</sup>	132	45.9545	12.3176
Total	144	50.2361	14.025	162	46.000	11.187	2.93 <sup>d</sup>	309	47.9903	12.7495

<sup>a</sup>p = .459<sup>b</sup>p = .001<sup>c</sup>p = .008<sup>d</sup>p = .004

Table 50-D

## Cell Means for Tazewell County Seniors by Sex by School

School	Senior Males			Senior Females			M vs F	All Seniors		
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	t	N	Mean	S.D.
Graham	50	48.660	13.046	60	48.683	15.328	0.01	113	48.708	14.108
Pocahontas	18	45.556	10.913	19	45.105	12.970	0.11	37	45.3243	11.849
Richlands	109	53.147	10.867	103	50.932	13.473	1.32	213	52.023	12.215
Tazewell	73	51.740	13.539	68	47.000	12.828	2.13 <sup>a</sup>	143	49.622	13.474
Total	250	51.292	12.296	250	48.880	13.794	2.06 <sup>b</sup>	506	50.1146	13.098

<sup>a</sup>p = .035.

<sup>b</sup>p = .040.

APPENDIX D  
FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES TO ATTITUDE STATEMENTS

Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for 643 Senior Males

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	0	0.0	32	5.0	118	18.4	176	27.4	277	43.1	40	6.2
2	1	0.2	38	5.9	212	33.0	170	26.4	186	28.9	36	5.6
3	5	0.8	53	8.2	187	29.1	210	32.7	141	21.9	47	7.3
4	2	0.3	46	7.2	165	25.7	139	21.6	240	37.3	51	7.9
5	2	0.3	57	8.9	127	19.8	269	41.8	155	24.1	33	5.1
6	2	0.3	100	15.6	249	38.7	173	26.9	103	16.0	16	2.5
7	3	0.5	50	7.8	147	22.9	199	30.9	220	34.2	24	3.7
8	4	0.6	43	6.7	153	23.8	213	33.1	201	31.1	29	4.5
9	3	0.5	55	8.6	145	22.6	218	33.9	147	22.9	75	11.7
10	6	0.9	31	4.8	100	15.6	132	20.5	299	46.5	75	11.7
11	1	0.2	37	5.8	159	24.7	207	32.2	194	30.2	45	7.0
12	1	0.2	38	5.9	181	28.1	174	27.1	216	33.6	33	5.1
13	4	0.6	25	3.9	97	15.1	169	26.3	286	44.5	62	9.6
14	4	0.6	41	6.4	168	26.1	237	36.9	162	25.2	31	4.8
15	1	0.1	46	7.2	135	21.0	132	20.5	264	41.1	65	10.1
16	1	0.2	50	7.8	184	28.6	195	30.3	156	24.3	57	8.9
17	1	0.2	50	7.8	225	35.0	270	42.0	85	13.2	12	1.9
18	1	0.2	50	7.8	239	37.2	190	29.5	140	21.8	23	3.6
19	6	0.9	54	8.4	202	31.4	209	32.5	142	22.1	30	4.7
20	4	0.6	22	3.4	80	12.4	197	30.6	282	43.9	58	9.0
21	6	0.9	39	6.1	150	23.3	243	37.8	165	25.7	40	6.2
22	5	0.8	28	4.4	128	19.9	206	32.0	237	36.9	39	6.1
23	8	1.2	78	12.1	158	24.6	239	37.2	129	20.1	31	4.8
24	3	0.5	42	6.5	172	26.7	203	31.6	185	28.8	38	5.9
25	3	0.5	29	4.5	148	23.0	256	39.8	168	26.1	39	6.1

Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for 675 Senior Females

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	3	3.7	25	26.4	178	22.4	151	41.8	282	5.3	36	0.4
2	3	0.4	39	5.8	288	42.7	155	23.0	160	23.7	30	4.4
3	4	0.6	58	8.6	277	41.0	205	30.4	106	15.7	25	3.7
4	4	0.6	57	8.4	278	41.2	127	18.8	181	26.8	28	4.1
5	7	1.0	66	9.8	246	36.4	227	33.6	116	17.2	13	1.9
6	5	0.7	107	15.9	298	44.1	171	25.3	83	12.3	11	1.6
7	3	0.4	40	5.9	187	27.7	195	28.9	229	33.9	21	3.1
8	4	0.6	37	5.5	217	32.1	226	33.5	166	24.6	25	3.7
9	1	0.1	72	10.7	184	27.3	212	31.4	147	21.8	59	8.7
10	4	0.6	26	3.9	125	18.5	124	18.4	334	49.5	62	9.2
11	5	0.7	33	4.9	214	31.7	206	30.5	185	27.4	32	4.7
12	3	0.4	40	5.9	219	32.4	164	24.3	218	32.3	31	4.6
13	4	0.6	22	3.3	118	17.5	196	29.0	287	42.5	48	7.1
14	1	0.1	40	5.9	225	33.3	247	36.6	146	21.6	16	2.4
15	4	0.6	35	5.2	148	21.9	110	16.3	315	46.7	63	9.3
16	2	0.3	52	7.7	203	30.1	180	26.7	198	29.3	40	5.9
17	2	0.3	45	6.7	293	43.4	262	38.8	64	9.5	9	1.3
18	2	0.3	43	6.4	290	43.0	187	27.7	143	21.2	10	1.5
19	6	0.9	35	5.2	250	37.0	214	31.7	151	22.4	19	2.8
20	3	0.4	15	2.2	79	11.7	238	35.3	285	42.2	55	8.1
21	4	0.6	26	3.9	199	29.5	244	36.1	178	26.4	24	3.6
22	4	0.6	23	3.4	152	22.5	188	27.9	279	41.3	29	4.3
23	5	0.7	94	13.9	223	33.0	212	31.4	117	17.3	24	3.6
24	4	0.6	39	5.8	224	33.2	180	26.7	196	29.0	32	4.7
25	3	0.4	31	4.6	199	29.5	232	34.3	187	27.7	23	3.4



Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for Buchanan County Teachers

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	1	1.3	10	12.8	29	37.2	7	9.0	29	37.2	2	2.6
2	0	0.0	4	5.1	20	25.6	6	7.7	32	41.0	16	20.5
3	2	2.6	4	5.1	27	34.6	15	19.2	25	32.1	5	6.4
4	1	1.3	3	3.8	36	46.2	8	10.3	23	29.5	7	9.0
5	0	0.0	6	7.7	37	47.4	19	24.4	15	19.2	1	1.3
6	0	0.0	3	3.8	52	66.7	12	15.4	9	11.5	2	2.6
7	0	0.0	1	1.3	18	23.1	7	9.0	45	57.7	7	9.0
8	0	0.0	2	2.6	38	48.7	15	19.2	21	26.9	2	2.6
9	1	1.3	1	1.3	9	11.5	5	6.4	43	55.1	19	24.4
10	1	1.3	0	0.0	5	6.4	4	5.1	46	59.0	22	28.2
11	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	14.1	12	15.4	40	51.3	15	19.2
12	2	2.6	0	0.0	19	24.4	13	16.7	37	47.4	7	9.0
13	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	7.7	17	21.8	48	61.5	7	9.0
14	1	1.3	1	1.3	18	23.1	17	21.8	33	42.3	8	10.3
15	0	0.0	1	1.3	13	16.7	6	7.7	41	52.6	17	21.8
16	0	0.0	1	1.3	23	29.5	16	20.5	27	34.6	11	14.1
17	0	0.0	1	1.3	27	34.6	29	39.2	19	24.4	2	2.6
18	3	3.8	2	2.6	35	44.9	19	24.4	18	23.1	1	1.3
19	0	0.0	0	0.0	33	42.3	11	14.1	32	41.0	2	2.6
20	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	23.1	21	26.9	35	44.9	4	5.1
21	0	0.0	0	0.0	15	19.2	16	20.5	40	51.3	7	9.0
22	1	1.3	0	0.0	2	2.6	11	14.1	56	71.8	8	10.3
23	1	1.3	2	2.6	22	28.2	19	24.4	24	30.8	10	12.8
24	0	0.0	1	1.3	25	32.1	8	10.3	36	46.2	8	10.3
25	1	1.3	0	0.0	17	21.8	20	25.6	32	41.0	8	10.3

Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for Dickenson County Teachers

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	0	0.0	4	14.8	15	55.6	3	11.1	5	18.5	0	0.0
2	0	0.0	7	25.9	7	25.9	1	3.7	10	37.0	2	7.4
3	0	0.0	7	25.9	10	37.0	6	22.2	4	14.8	0	0.0
4	0	0.0	4	14.8	11	40.7	5	18.5	6	22.2	1	3.7
5	0	0.0	5	18.5	8	29.6	8	29.6	4	14.8	2	7.4
6	0	0.0	9	33.3	8	29.6	7	25.9	3	11.1	0	0.0
7	0	0.0	5	18.5	7	25.9	8	29.6	7	25.9	0	0.0
8	0	0.0	5	18.5	6	22.2	7	25.9	8	29.6	1	3.7
9	0	0.0	3	11.1	7	25.9	4	14.8	12	44.4	1	3.7
10	0	0.0	2	7.4	4	14.8	5	18.5	14	51.9	2	7.4
11	0	0.0	4	14.8	5	18.5	8	29.6	8	29.6	2	7.4
12	0	0.0	3	11.1	12	44.4	4	14.8	7	25.9	1	3.7
13	0	0.0	4	14.8	6	22.2	7	25.9	9	33.3	1	3.7
14	0	0.0	6	22.2	8	29.6	6	22.2	5	18.5	2	7.4
15	0	0.0	4	14.8	7	25.9	4	14.8	9	33.3	3	11.1
16	0	0.0	4	14.8	10	37.0	4	14.8	8	29.6	1	3.7
17	0	0.0	5	18.5	10	37.0	10	37.0	2	7.4	0	0.0
18	0	0.0	7	25.9	12	44.4	4	14.8	4	14.8	0	0.0
19	0	0.0	5	18.5	8	29.6	9	33.3	4	14.8	1	3.7
20	0	0.0	3	11.1	6	22.2	7	25.9	10	37.0	1	3.7
21	0	0.0	4	14.8	10	37.0	5	18.5	5	18.5	3	11.1
22	0	0.0	1	3.7	8	29.6	4	14.8	12	44.4	2	7.4
23	0	0.0	6	22.2	7	25.9	10	37.0	3	11.1	1	3.7
24	0	0.0	4	14.8	10	37.0	6	22.2	6	22.2	1	3.7
25	0	0.0	5	18.5	9	33.3	4	14.8	7	25.9	2	7.4

Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for Russell County Teachers

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	1	1.9	5	9.3	19	35.2	3	5.6	21	38.9	5	9.3
2	0	0.0	3	5.6	20	37.0	0	0.0	22	40.7	9	16.7
3	0	0.0	3	5.6	23	42.6	11	20.4	13	24.1	4	7.4
4	0	0.0	3	5.6	16	29.6	13	24.1	17	31.5	5	9.3
5	0	0.0	2	3.7	26	48.1	13	24.1	10	18.5	3	5.6
6	0	0.0	3	5.6	23	42.6	10	18.5	14	25.9	4	7.4
7	0	0.0	3	5.6	13	24.1	8	14.8	25	46.3	5	9.3
8	0	0.0	10	18.5	16	29.6	13	24.1	12	22.2	3	5.6
9	0	0.0	2	3.7	7	13.0	8	14.8	22	40.7	15	27.8
10	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	5.6	3	5.6	28	51.9	20	37.0
11	0	0.0	1	1.9	8	14.8	7	13.0	25	46.3	13	24.1
12	0	0.0	1	1.9	13	24.1	10	18.5	21	38.9	9	16.7
13	0	0.0	1	1.9	11	20.4	8	14.8	27	50.0	7	13.0
14	0	0.0	1	1.9	11	20.4	9	16.7	23	42.6	10	18.5
15	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	20.4	7	13.0	21	38.9	15	27.8
16	0	0.0	2	3.7	18	33.3	10	18.5	16	29.6	8	14.8
17	0	0.0	2	3.7	20	37.0	18	33.3	9	16.7	5	9.3
18	0	0.0	1	1.9	24	44.4	13	24.1	9	16.7	7	13.0
19	1	1.9	2	3.7	20	37.0	15	27.8	10	18.5	6	11.1
20	0	0.0	2	3.7	5	9.3	20	37.0	24	44.4	3	5.6
21	1	1.9	1	1.9	11	20.4	13	24.1	20	37.0	8	14.8
22	0	0.0	1	1.9	8	14.8	10	18.5	26	48.1	9	16.7
23	0	0.0	2	3.7	19	35.2	13	24.1	12	22.2	8	14.8
24	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	38.9	8	14.8	15	27.8	10	18.5
25	0	0.0	1	1.9	11	20.4	12	22.2	21	38.9	9	16.7

Frequency Distribution of Responses to Attitude Statements  
for Tazewell County Teachers

Statement Number	No Response		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Undecided		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	0	0.0	6	8.2	17	23.3	7	9.6	40	54.8	3	4.1
2	1	1.4	5	6.8	22	30.1	10	13.7	27	37.0	8	11.0
3	0	0.0	4	5.5	27	37.0	18	24.7	20	27.4	4	5.5
4	0	0.0	1	1.4	32	43.8	7	9.6	28	38.4	5	6.8
5	0	0.0	3	4.1	25	34.2	24	32.9	18	24.7	3	4.1
6	0	0.0	8	11.0	33	45.2	13	17.8	17	23.3	2	2.7
7	2	2.7	4	5.5	18	24.7	14	19.2	26	35.6	9	12.3
8	0	0.0	6	8.2	36	49.3	15	20.5	11	15.1	5	6.8
9	0	0.0	3	4.1	8	11.0	18	24.7	32	43.8	12	16.4
10	0	0.0	2	2.7	9	12.3	10	13.7	43	58.9	9	12.3
11	0	0.0	2	2.7	14	19.2	13	17.8	35	47.9	9	12.3
12	1	1.4	3	4.1	15	20.5	11	15.1	35	47.9	8	11.0
13	1	1.4	4	5.5	16	21.9	10	13.7	36	49.3	6	8.2
14	1	1.4	1	1.4	27	37.0	19	26.0	22	30.1	3	4.1
15	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	31.5	5	6.8	33	45.2	12	16.4
16	0	0.0	3	4.1	32	43.8	16	21.9	18	24.7	4	5.5
17	1	1.4	3	4.1	34	46.6	27	37.0	7	9.6	1	1.4
18	1	1.4	3	4.1	37	50.7	22	30.1	10	13.7	0	0.0
19	1	1.4	3	4.1	29	39.7	12	16.4	25	34.2	3	4.1
20	2	2.7	1	1.4	16	21.9	14	19.2	35	47.9	5	6.8
21	1	1.4	2	2.7	21	28.8	22	30.1	23	31.5	4	5.5
22	1	1.4	1	1.4	9	12.3	12	16.4	43	58.9	7	9.6
23	2	2.7	6	8.2	28	38.4	18	24.7	15	20.5	4	5.5
24	1	1.4	4	5.5	22	30.1	14	19.2	25	34.2	7	9.6
25	1	1.4	2	2.7	23	31.5	8	11.0	34	46.6	5	6.8

APPENDIX E  
CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Evaluator:

Please evaluate the list of items for the social sub-scale and economic sub-scale according to the "Suggested Criteria for Writing Attitude Statements" by Charles Wang.

These items were collected by reviewing the literature and talking with several people. They were constructed according to the description provided in the methodology of the study. A copy is provided for your use.

Please review these items carefully and indicate your evaluation of each item by: checking (✓) for complete acceptance, putting an "X" in front of the item to indicate that you think it should be deleted, by marking out words or phrases, and/or writing in new or different words, phrases, or items.

Try to be as independent and objective as possible in order to avoid reacting according to personal beliefs and opinions.

Your prompt attention will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially,

Robert L. Gillespie  
Doctoral Student

Approved: Dr. Clyde Orr, Chairman  
Doctoral Committee  
East Tennessee State University

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR

1. This instrument is being field-tested, which means that the items will be subjected to a statistical test.
2. Select only every twelfth senior to take the instrument. They should all take it at the same time.
3. Encourage seniors to follow directions carefully. READ the directions to them.
4. Ask seniors not to discuss this with others after they are through.
5. Please keep a list of names of those who complete this instrument. This is necessary so they will not take the next (final) administration of the revised form.
6. This research is part of a doctoral dissertation on attitudes of high school seniors in Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties, toward community colleges and four-year colleges.
7. This project has the approval of East Tennessee State University, Charles King, President of SVCC, and the superintendents of schools in the four counties.
8. Data will be computerized at ETSU and the analysis will be available to division superintendents upon request.
9. Thank you for your conscientious support of this research.

Robert L. Gillespie  
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Buchanan County Schools  
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Grundy, Virginia 24614

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January 24, 1977

We, the undersigned members of the Graduate Advisory Committee of Robert L. Gillespie, approve the prospectus for his dissertation entitled "A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Community Colleges with Attitudes Toward Four-Year Colleges."

s/Clyde L. Orr

s/Charles W. Burkett

s/Donald R. Jones

s/J. Howard Bowers

s/William L. Evernden



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Office of the President

December 20, 1974

Mr. Robert L. Gillespie  
Route 2, Box 107-C  
Grundy, Virginia 24614

Dear Bob:

Our staff has recently spent a great deal of time reviewing and discussing your proposed dissertation topic. We are most enthusiastic with your proposal and believe that a study of this nature will prove most helpful to our institution as we search for opportunities to provide our citizens with accurate information regarding the opportunities at Southwest Virginia Community College.

You may recall that in an earlier phone conversation, I emphasized a concern that we are not reaching our citizens in the comprehensive manner desired. We would like to encourage you to move ahead on your proposal "A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Community Colleges with Attitudes Toward Four-Year Institutions." You can count on our full support and assistance with your study.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely yours,

s/Charles R. King

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BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

Phone 935-2331

Grundy, Virginia 24614

January 8, 1975

Mr. Robert L. Gillespie  
Route 2, Box 107-C  
Grundy, Virginia 24614

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I believe your proposal for a dissertation, "A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Community Colleges with Attitudes Toward Four-Year Colleges," could provide meaningful information for our county. You have my approval and support for your research.

Sincerely,

s/James W. Moon  
Division Superintendent

JWM/jsd

DICKENSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Paul W. Skeen, Supt.

CLINTWOOD, VIRGINIA

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January 24, 1975

Mr. Robert L. Gillespie  
Route 2, Box 107-C  
Grundy, Virginia 24614

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

This letter is an indication of my interest in your proposed research on "A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Community Colleges with Attitudes Toward Four-Year Institutions."

Inasmuch as your study will involve the Southwest Virginia Community College, which serves a part of Dickenson County, I give my wholehearted approval to your study.

Sincerely yours,

s/Paul W. Skeen

## RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Omer E. Elkins, Division Superintendent

Lebanon, Virginia 24266

January 14, 1975

Mr. Robert L. Gillespie  
Route 2, Box 107-C  
Grundy, Virginia 24614

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Your request to involve the Russell County School Administrators, supervisors, teachers of high school seniors, and high school seniors in your research project, "A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Community College with Attitudes Toward Four-Year Institutions," is hereby approved. The only stipulation is that any and all instruments used for gathering information from school personnel must be approved in this office before being used.

If I can be of further assistance in this project, do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

s/Omer E. Elkins  
Division Superintendent  
Russell County Schools

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January 10, 1975

Mr. Robert L. Gillespie  
Rt. #2, Box 107-C  
Grundy, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter proposing research in the service area of Southwest Virginia Community College. I believe that the topic is researchable and might yield significant data for the college as well as for the counties involved.

You have my support and approval for the conduction of the study in Tazewell County.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

s/Lester L. Jones  
Division Superintendent  
Tazewell County Schools

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR

1. In March, this instrument was field tested by administering it to every twelfth senior in every high school in Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties.
2. This is the final version of the instrument and will be administered to ALL SENIORS except those who were in the field test. You are to exclude all seniors who took the instrument in March.
3. Administer the attitude instrument ONLY to EACH teacher who has a senior in his class. If a teacher has only one senior in his class, that teacher should complete the instrument. Teachers should not complete the Biographical Data Form.
4. Encourage seniors to follow directions carefully and to complete EVERY item. Seniors should not discuss the instrument with anyone until they are through.
5. This instrument is not timed, but seniors should work rapidly and not spend too much time on it.
6. All instruments should be administered during the week of May 9-13 if possible.
7. Return completed instruments to your secondary supervisor as soon as possible.
8. Thank you for your cooperation.

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APPENDIX F  
MAP OF FOUR-COUNTY AREA

